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Births.

MARTIN.—November 6, at Fairlight, Edgecliff-road, the wife of W. P. Martin, of a daughter.

Deaths.

BEATTIE.—November 7, at Grono Park, Pitt Town, Mary M., beloved wife of W. Grono, and second daughter of the late James Beattie, Balmain.

CALLAWAY.—At his parents' residence, 128 Nelson-street, Annandale, Jack, the infant son of Frank and Blanche Callaway, aged 3 months.

CHISHOLM.—November 6, at her residence, Penrith, Christina, relict of the late William Chisholm, in her 81st year. Interred at Penrith.

FITZGERALD.—November 3, at his residence, Sunville, Williams River, Patrick Joseph Fitzgerald, J.P., beloved father of Mrs. A. W. A. Barnard, North Sydney, aged 63 years. R.I.P.

FRASER.—November 5, at Burradoo Park, Arthur Griffiths, fourth son of the late Honourable John Fraser, M.L.C., of Quiraing, Woollahra, aged 27 years.

MOUNTAIN.—November 6, at Strathfield, Angela, relict of the late C. J. Mountain, of Petersham, and mother of A. C. Mountain, Melbourne, and of Mrs. D. Kirkcaldie, Homebush, aged 77. Interred on 7th instant at Balmain Cemetery.

NETTHEIM.—At Hoxter, Germany, Salomon Nettheim, aged 88, father of Cosmann and Gustav Nettheim, both of Sydney. (By cable.)

OLIVER.—November 7, at Shelcote, North Sydney, Katharine Alice, daughter of Alexander and Celia Oliver, aged 22 years.

PERCIVAL.—November 7, at his parents' residence, Alfred-street, Granville, Leslie Henry, infant son of Henry and Elizabeth Percival, aged 3 months.

RODGERS.—November 7, 1900, at Imersellie, Harrow-road, Bexley, Thomas Alfred Rodgers, of Randwick, eldest son of the late Constable John Rodgers, of Randwick, aged 21.

SHERLOCK.—November 7, at her residence, Agatha, Ormond-street, Paddington, Laura A., beloved wife of W. Byron Sherlock, and daughter of James Mackay, Rose-isle, Waverley.

STANLEY.—November 4, 1900, Florence Emma, beloved eldest daughter of William Stanley, Professor of Music, Stanmore. At rest.

In Memoriam.

CONNORS.—In sad and loving memory of my dear son, James, who departed this life on November 8, 1890; also our dear brother. As long as life and memory last we will remember thee. Inserted by his loving mother and sisters and brother.

DASTEN.—In loving memory of my dear wife, Elizabeth Dasten, who died at Lithgow November 8, 1898.
The tender touch of a loving hand is now denied to me;
Death claimed thee for the better land to set thy suffering free.
Hold her, O Father, in thine arms, and let her henceforth be
A messenger of love between my human heart and Thee.
Inserted by her loving husband, G. W. Dasten.

MAHER.—In very sad remembrance of my only two sons and dear brothers, Denis Richard Maher, died 26th October, 1899, and Thomas Joseph Maher, died 7th November, 1890. Inserted by their mother and sisters. R.I.P.

SARGENT.—In loving remembrance of our dear father, Joseph Sargent, who departed this life November 8, 1888. Inserted by his loving children.

STEVENSON.—In sad but loving memory of my dear husband and our affectionate father, Henry Thomas Stevenson, who was accidentally killed November 8, 1899. Inserted by his fond wife and children.
Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord;
And let Thy perpetual light shine upon him.
Requiescat in pace.

STEVENSON.—In sad but loving remembrance of our dear brother-in-law, Henry Thomas Stevenson, who was accidentally killed November 8th, 1899, aged 54 years. Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law, Henry and Isabella Malcolm, of Auburn.

STEVENSON.—In sad but loving remembrance of my dear uncle, Henry Thomas Stevenson, who was accidentally killed November 8th, 1899, aged 54 years. Inserted by his loving nephew, Thomas Malcolm, of Auburn.

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AUSTRALIA	6901	I. Reeves	Dec. 15
VICTORIA	6527	E. Crewe	Dec. 29
			1901.
ROME	5545	J. Cowie, R.N.R.	Jan. 12
HIMALAYA	6898	W. L. Broun, R.N.R.	Jan. 26
CHINA	8000	T. S. Angus	Feb. 9
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*BARBAROSSA	10,769	F. Mentz	Dec. 15	Dec. 22
			1901.	1901.
K. KURFURST	13,182	W. Reimkasten	Jan. 12	Jan. 19
*RHEIN	10,068	G. Dannemann	Feb. 9	Feb. 16
FRIEDRICH DER GROSSE	10,531	M. Eichel	Mar. 9	Mar. 16
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R.M.S.	Tns	Commander.	Sydney, noon.	Melb., 1.30 p.m.	Adel., 2 p.m.
*OPHIR	6910	F. S. Symons	Nov. 10	Nov. 17	Nov. 15
AUSTRAL	5524	C. Nicholson	Nov. 24	Nov. 27	Nov. 29
ORMUZ	6387	A. J. Coad	Dec. 8	Dec. 11	Dec. 13
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ALAMEDA	Van Oterendorp	Dec. 4	Dec. 8	Dec. 24
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S.S. MARAROA, WEDNESDAY, November 28, at noon.
For WELLINGTON, LYTTELTON, DUNEDIN, and BLUFF, HOBART, and MELBOURNE, transhipping to outports.
S.S. WAIKARE, SATURDAY, November 10, at 1 p.m.
S.S. MONOWAI, SATURDAY, November 24, at noon.

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For HOBART DIRECT—S.S. OONAH, SATURDAY, November 10, at noon; November 24, December 1.
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		1900	1900	1900
Australien	Verron	Nov. 26	Nov. 29	Dec. 1
V. de la Ciotat	Etquer	Dec. 24	Dec. 27	Dec. 29
		1901	1901	1901
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ALBANY, FREMANTLE (transhipping for Geraldton)	Buninyong, Tues., Nov. 27, 5 p.m.
BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, ROCKHAMPTON, BUNDABERG	Leura, Saturday, Nov. 10, 2 p.m.; Koonoowarra, Tuesday, Nov. 13, 5 p.m.; Tyrian, Saturday, Nov. 17, 2 p.m.
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HOBART—TAMBO, FRIDAY, November 16, noon.
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BELLINGER RIVER.—Rosedale, To-morrow, 6 p.m.
MANNING RIVER.—Electra, To-morrow, 5 p.m.
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of EDMUND MASON, late of Parramatta, in the colony of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the First Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, King-street, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate or being otherwise interested therein are hereby required to come in before me, at my said office, on or before the tenth day of December, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto, otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me, and passed according to law. And Notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said Accounts by the Court Commission will be applied for on behalf of the Executors. Dated this seventh day of November, 1900. T. W. GARRETT, Registrar.

IN the Intestate Estate of JANE TEE, or Christie, late of Gowrie-lane, off Botany-road, Alexandria, deceased.—All persons having claims against the above Estate are requested to forward the same, verified by affidavit, to the undersigned, on or before the 21st day of November, 1900. T. W. GARRETT, Curator of the above Estate, Chancery-square, Sydney, 7th November, 1900.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN RAE, late of Hilton, Liverpool-street, Darlinghurst, Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased. Pursuant of the "Wills Probate and Administration Act, 1898," notice is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any claims upon or being otherwise interested in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased, who died at Hilton, Liverpool-street, Darlinghurst, aforesaid, on the fifteenth day of July last past, are hereby required to send in full particulars of their claims to the undersigned, the Proctors for the Executors of the Will of the said deceased, before the twenty-ninth day of December next, after which date the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto having regard to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and the said Executors shall not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person of whose claim they shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution. Dated this seventh day of November, A.D., 1900. DIBBS, GIBSON, and PARKER, Proctors for the Executors, Edenchambers, 92 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of THOMAS PLATER, late of Pine Grove, near Taloumbi Station, in the colony of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to THOMAS PLATER, of Pine Grove, near Taloumbi Station aforesaid, Son of the deceased, and sole Executor in the said Will named. And all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. THOMAS M'LENNAN LOBBAN, Proctor for Executor, River-street, Maclean. By his agent, GILBERT CURTIS MURDOCH, Lyndon-chambers, 165 Phillip-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of KENNETH M'MILLAN, late of King's Creek, near Lawrence, in the colony of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to DUNCAN M'MILLAN, of Woodford Island, Clarence River, in the said colony, Farmer, and ANGUS M'MILLAN, of King's Creek aforesaid, Farmer, the Executors in the said Will named. And all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. THOMAS M'LENNAN LOBBAN, Proctor for Executors, River-street, Maclean. By his agent, GILBERT CURTIS MURDOCH, Lyndon-chambers, 165 Phillip-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and Codicil of ESTHER MURDOCH, late of Bungarby, near Bombala, in the colony of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased and the Codicil thereto may be granted to JOHN RUTHERFORD, DONALD RANKIN, and JOHN MURDOCH, the Executors named in the said Will. And all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. F. E. MACKENZIE and MARKS, Proctors for the said Executors, Bombala.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of WILLIAM BROWN, late of Petersham, near Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, Blacksmith and Farrier, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Letters of Administration of the Estate and Effects of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to SARAH BROWN, the Widow of the said deceased. And all notices may be served on FREDERICK CHARLES BOYS, Proctor for Applicant, Bull's-chambers, 14 Moore-street, Sydney. FREDERICK CHARLES BOYS, Proctor for Applicant.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of EMMA BROWN, late of Lewisham, near Sydney, in the Colony of New South Wales, Spinster, deceased, intestate. Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Letters of Administration of the Estate and Effects of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to SARAH BROWN, the mother of the said deceased. And all notices may be served on FREDERICK CHARLES BOYS, Proctor for Applicant, Bull's-chambers, 14 Moore-street, Sydney. FREDERICK CHARLES BOYS, Proctor for Applicant.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of MARY JOHNSON, late of Hornsby, in the colony of New South Wales, Widow, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Letters of Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOSHUA REUBEN JOHNSON, a son of the said deceased; and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned, M'INTOSH and TODHUNTER, Proctors for the Applicants, 121 Pitt-street, Sydney, and George-street, Parramatta.

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CHURCHMAN'S INSTITUTE.—ANNUAL FESTIVAL TO-DAY. Choral Eucharist at Christ Church at 11, with Sermon by Rev. L. Fitzgerald. Choral Evensong at 5. James' at 7.30. Annual Meeting and Conversazione in S. James' Hall, Phillip-street, at 8.

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Public Notices.

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The following Members of the above Association have signified their intention of CLOSING their respective WAREHOUSES on MONDAY NEXT, the 12th NOVEMBER, 1900, in Celebration of the PRINCE OF WALES' BIRTHDAY:—
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Richmond, 10th October, 1900.

IT is hereby notified that Mr. ALFRED MEREDITH WOODHILL has RETIRED from the business of WOODHILL and CO., Nowra, and that the business will in future be carried on by Messrs. ARTHUR ALEXANDER WOODHILL, and CHARLES RICHINGS WOODHILL.
Nowra, 10th October, 1900.

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By order of the Commissioners. H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

Amusements.

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THE 110th (SMOKE) CONCERT will take place TO-NIGHT, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, at the TOWN HALL.
The following, amongst other artists, will assist the Society:— Mr. J. WOLINSKI, Tenor. Mr. W. H. FOGGITT, Bass (Member S.L.) Mr. ALFRED HILL, Signor G. PODENZANA, W. F. BARTER, and STEPHENSON (String Quartette). Herr SCHEINPFLUG and RANDELL, Pianists. Mr. J. EDWARD SYKES, Piano.
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THE PUBLIC OF MOSMAN are informed that the ANNUAL SALE OF WORK in connection with St. Clement's Church WILL BE OPENED TO-DAY AT 3 O'CLOCK, by Mr. DUGALD THOMSON, M.P., and remain open To-day and To-morrow from 3 to 5 and from 7 to 9.
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Parliamentary Elections.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF ASHFIELD.
BYE-ELECTION, 1900.
NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES.
I hereby notify that the undermentioned persons have been duly NOMINATED as CANDIDATES for Election as MEMBER of the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY of New South Wales for the abovementioned district, namely:— JOHN WESLEY WATKIN, FREDERICK EARLE WINCHCOMBE.
A POLL will be taken at the following Places on SATURDAY, the 10th day of November, 1900, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., namely:— Ashfield Hall, Liverpool-road, Ashfield. Congregational School Hall, Edwin-street, Croydon. Carlton Hall, Carlton-crescent, Summer Hill. Queen's Hall (late Temperance Hall), Pitt-street, Sydney.
H. P. PALSER, Returning Officer.
Ashfield, November 7th, 1900.

J. W. WATKIN FOR ASHFIELD.
The Hon. JOHN SEE, Colonial Secretary, will Address the Electors THIS THURSDAY EVENING, at 8 o'clock, in the ASHFIELD HALL, Liverpool-road and Holden-street.
MARK SMITH, Hon. Sec.

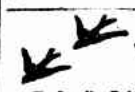
J. W. WATKIN FOR ASHFIELD.
MEETING THIS (Thursday) EVENING, at 8 o'clock, at EDWIN-STREET, CROYDON. William Archer, Esq., M.L.A., and several prominent speakers will support his Candidature.
MARK SMITH, Hon. Sec.

J. W. WATKIN FOR ASHFIELD.
J. S. T. M'GOWEN, Esq., M.L.A., Leader of the Parliamentary Labour Party, will speak in support of Mr. Watkin's Candidature, at the MASONIC HALL, Smith-street, Summer Hill, at 8 o'clock, THIS (Thursday) NIGHT.
MARK SMITH, Hon. Sec.

ASHFIELD ELECTION.
F. E. WINCHCOMBE will ADDRESS the ELECTORS as follows:—
TO-NIGHT, Thursday: Carlton Hall, Summer Hill, 8 p.m. Mr. DAVID STOREY, M.P., will also Address this Meeting.
FRIDAY: Ashfield Hall, at 8 p.m. This Meeting will also be Addressed by the Hon. JOHN HUGHES, M.L.C. Cong. School Hall, Croydon, 8 p.m. Lackey-street, Summer Hill, 8 p.m.
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E. W. SPAIN, Manager.

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By order of the Board, FRANK A. WALLER, Manager.
1st November, 1900.

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MISS SCALES, Planet Reader, will not see clients until the 20th November, through sickness.
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Meetings.

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GEO. A. JONES, Gen. Sec. P.L.L.
ARTHUR GRIFFITH, Hon. Sec. Labour Party.

THE CITIZENS' VIGILANCE COMMITTEE AND MUNICIPAL REFORM ASSOCIATION.
A Public MEETING will be held in the PROTESTANT HALL, Castlereagh-street, at 8 p.m. THIS THURSDAY, the 8th November, under the auspices of the CITIZENS' VIGILANCE COMMITTEE AND MUNICIPAL REFORM ASSOCIATION, to urge the return of Candidates to the new MUNICIPAL COUNCIL who are pledged to support a Programme of Reform.
The following Gentlemen will address the meeting:— R. TEECE, Esq. Hon. JOHN HUGHES, M.L.C. W. M. HUGHES, Esq., M.L.A. JOHN GARLAND, Esq., M.L.A. SAM. SMITH, Esq., M.L.A. O. C. BEALE, Esq., and several others.
Ladies invited.

THE BOYS' BRIGADE.
A MEETING of the Joint Committees will be held in the Brigade Reading-room, 488 Kent-street, at 4.30, THIS AFTERNOON.
E. D. GRAY, Hon. Secretary.

THE MAITLAND GASLIGHT COMPANY, Limited.—The Fifty-sixth Half-yearly Ordinary General MEETING of Shareholders will be held at Company's Office, Charles-street, West Maitland, on THURSDAY, 29th November, 1900, at 7.45 p.m. Business: To receive the Report of the Directors for the half-year ending 31st October, 1900; to Elect two Directors in the places of Messrs. EDWARD P. CAPPER and J. W. BILKENHEAD, who retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election; to Elect two Auditors; and to transact any such business as may be taken at half-yearly meetings of the Company. By order of the Board, CHARLES E. CRUTCH, Secretary. West Maitland, November 7th, 1900.

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By order of the Board. ARCH. JARVIE, Secretary.
Sydney, 7th November, 1900.

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Municipal Elections.

CITY COUNCIL ELECTION.
BOURKE WARD.
To ALEXANDER GERARD RALSTON, Esq., M.A., Barrister-at-law, of 167 Phillip-street, city, and Kooroogama, Wentworth-road, Burwood.
We the undersigned electors request that you will allow yourself to be nominated as one of the Aldermen for the Bourke Ward in the city of Sydney, and pledge ourselves that in the event of your compliance with our request we will use our best endeavours to secure your return.
J. H. Want, Selborne-chambers
Arthur J. Kelynack, Denman-chambers
Julian Salomons, Denman-chambers
George Chalmers, Vickery's-chambers
E. M. Noble, Lyndon-chambers
W. P. Cullen, 145 Phillip-street
Bruce Smith, 149 Phillip-street
Edward Scholes, Wigram-chambers
J. T. Lingen, 167 Phillip-street
Geo. Bird, Macquarie-place
J. H. Lucas, 41 Castlereagh-street
T. A. Thompson, Hunter-street
Magnus J. Peden, 3 Gresham-street
H. H. Brown, J.P., 89 Pitt-street
E. M. Sly, Wigram-chambers,
and many others.
To the abovenamed Electors of Bourke Ward.
Gentlemen,—I have much pleasure in acceding to your request to stand for Bourke Ward at the approaching elections. I may shortly state that I am a strong supporter of the Reform Committee's programme recently made public. Thanking you for your confidence in me and promise of support,
I am, &c., A. G. RALSTON.

Auction Sales.

INGLIS AND SON'S HORSE BAZAAR.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 a.m. sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipdrays, Horses, and Harness. At 11.30 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description. Specially advertised. Tel., 1331.

PAIR OF PONIES, HOODED BUGGY, AND HAR.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. Abbott to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11.30 a.m., Pair of Creamy Ponies, thoroughly broken to saddle and harness, with Hooded Cutunder D.S. Buggy and Harness in good condition.

RELIABLE S. AND H. HORSE.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Dr. WEST to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, Bay Gelding, 15.1, thoroughly reliable in saddle and harness, being sold as owner has no further use for him.

HIGH-CLASS DOGCART AND HARNESS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. S. M. BAUMASHE to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, TO-MORROW, Friday, at 11.30 a.m., A Very Superior Dogcart, with brass mountings, and set of B.M. Harness to match, both in splendid condition.

7 HORSES, STAIRCASE OMNIBUS, AND HAR.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. THOMPSON, Leichhardt, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, TO-MORROW, Friday, at 11.30 a.m., 7 Staunch Horses, Omnibus (with staircase), and Harness, with License and Right of Road.

HEAVY DR. MARE, FROM KURRAJONG.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. R. E. PICK, Kurrajong, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 12 o'clock, A Heavy Draught Bay Mare, staunch and reliable, subject to any fair trial.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock sharp, On account of Messrs. D. Baffler, M'Intosh Bros., S. M'Minn, T. Briggs, and others, 60 First-class MILCH COWS, in full milk, with young calves at foot, from the best dairies in the Southern and Hunter districts. At half-past 3 o'clock, 60 First-class Dry and Fat Cattle.

FAT CATTLE, FAT CALVES, FAT AND STORE PIGS.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, THIS DAY, at the usual time,
25 Prime Fat Calves, from Camperdown
10 Prime Fat Calves, from Campbelltown
15 Prime Fat Calves, from Rouse Hill
20 Prime Fat Cattle, from St. Marys
1 Truck Prime Fat Pigs, from Camden
20 Prime Fat Pigs, from Campbelltown
60 Dry and Fat Cattle, on account various owners.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.
CAMPERDOWN YARDS, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 2.30 p.m.
SEVENTY HEAD.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction as above, On account Mr. JNO. CHRISTEY, Sen., ORANGE, 25 Fresh Country Horses, comprising principally strong, useful light harness and saddle horses, broken and unbroken. On account Messrs. O'DONNELL BROS., Scone, 20 Upstanding light Horses, with quality and substance, all young, good colours, and in tiptop condition, broken and unbroken. Amongst this consignment are several specially suited for SHIPMENT to INDIA. On account Mr. WM. DUNK, CAMDEN, 15 Strong Light Harness and Saddle Horses, principally broken in and suitable for light harness and hackney purposes, and for omnibus and springcart work. These were bred on cold, mountainous country, and should possess plenty of durability. On account Mr. A. E. BALDOCK, Camden, 10 Well-bred Light Horses, 4 to 6 yrs. old, broken and unbroken, principally bred by the Kirkham estate. Included in the consignment are several Colts by Collision and Puschka.

HORSE, HAWKER'S WAGGON, AND HAR.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Black Gelding, staunch, and good Hawker's Covd. Waggon, and Har.

HORSE SALE.
J. H. BEACROFT will sell by public auction, at the New Railway Saleyards, St. Marys, SATURDAY, November 10, at 12 o'clock, 70 Horses, Colts, and Fillies, broken and unbroken, comprising 10 heavy Draught Horses, 20 light Harness, 30 Saddle, and 10 Ponies.
Amongst the above are some very fine styles, and buyers of good classes should not miss the sale.
10.15 Train from Sydney arrives in time for the sale. Return train 3.20.
AGISTMENT.—Abundance of grass and water. Can accommodate 300 horses or cattle. Apply to J. H. BEACROFT, Auctioneer, St. Marys.

WEEKLY STOCK SALE.
ELLIS and CO. will sell by auction, at their Sydney Stock Saleyards, Quay-street, off George-street South, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, Milch Cows and Springers. At half-past 2, Fat Vealers, Porkers, Baconers, Store Pigs, &c.

PRODUCE SALES.
SALES by AUCTION will be held TO-DAY, THURSDAY, by the Australasian Mortgage and Agency Co., Ltd., John Bridge and Co., Ltd., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., Hill, Clark, and Co., Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd., and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., as under:— HAIR, HORNS, and SUNDRIES.—At the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, at 10 a.m.
THE NEW ZEALAND LOAN and MERCANTILE AGENCY CO., Ltd., will sell by public auction, at the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 10 a.m., HAIR, Horns, and Bones.

TO FARMERS, BUILDERS, CONTRACTORS, SPECULATORS, and Others.
ALFRED COLLESS has received instructions from Mr. W. SYKES to sell by public auction, AT EMU PLAINS, on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, at 2.30 p.m. (adjoining Emu Plains Railway Station), Large Corrugated Iron Shed with Loft, 30ft. x 20ft. Timber and iron quite new. Quantity of Bricks and Loose Timber. Digester, 7ft. by 4ft.; capacity, 1 ton of bones. 1 Avery's Weighing Machine. Small Link Belt Elevator, with 4in. buckets. No. 1 Disintegrator (13in.). Will grind bark, corn, cobs, and bones. About 260ft. of Pipe, 2in., 1in., and 1½in. Wood and iron Pulleys, Shafting Belts, and Sundries.

THIS DAY, at 2.30.
MIDDLETON and CO. are instructed to sell by auction, at Hay and George streets, Haymarket, Turkey Carpet (large), Handsome Drawing-room Suite in silk plush and tapestry, Plateglass Sideboard, Linoleum, heavy hand-polished Double Bedstead, Spring Mattress, Kapok Bedding, Pair New Toilets, Boy's Tricycle, Washstands, Dresser Tables, Dresser, Crockery, Utensils, Pictures, Rosewood Sideboard, Single Bedsteads, Perambulator, Tables, Chairs. No Reserve.

BUILDING MATERIALS. THIS AFTERNOON, half-past 3.
JOHN M. CANTY will sell on the Ground, Cleveland-street, close to Regent-street, Two Weatherboard Buildings, 40 x 25, known as St. Paul's Infants' Schools; also Iron Tank, Iron Roofing, and various lots of Timber.

THIS DAY.
JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247a Pitt-street, The Unredeemed Pledges pawned with Mr. A. M'Hugh, of Hartley-street, Balmain. At 11 o'clock—Clothing, Boots, Blankets, &c. At 4 o'clock—Sundries and Jewellery.

AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PLEDGES.
JOHN P. LISTER has received instructions from the N.S.W. MONT DE PIETE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT COMPANY, Limited, of 74 Castlereagh-street, to sell by Public Auction at their Premises, Their UNREDEEMED PLEDGES as under, unless previously renewed or redeemed, at 11 o'clock on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, November 13th and 14th instant, WITHOUT RESERVE.
1898. August—1st, case of law books as per list.
1899. June—14th, g h h repeating chronograph by French No. 23634, h h dia ring; 22nd, g h lever 45674, g albert and seal, g h k chronograph 8839 by Nicole and Nielsen, dia h s pin; 28th, 2 pair s s dia earrings. November—18th, g c albert and g trophy. December—30th, g ring.
1900. January—4th, 3 oil paintings, 5 albums, 2 books and comb; 10th, book (Cook's Voyages). February—6th, g o f lever 4223, g chain, 2 brooches, part pr earrings, 3 studs and ring; 9th, s h Waltham 1242837, g albert and trophy; 10th, g necklet, dia locket, dia bracelet; 12th, 5-stone dia ring and 2 s s dia rings, rose dia and stone brooch and pearl brooch, dia and stone ring, g w ring, mandoline; 19th, s h k chronograph 8069150, s albert and seal, g b ring, dia pin, dia and coral pin, g brooch, g ring, 2 pr g links, d d bldg gun (Pagnad). March—1st, 2 g keepers, s h lever 16386, g b ring, s s dia ring, pr g links, g albert, set dias, g fob albert and g mtd tooth, s o f k chronograph 110385, g albert ring, part ass purse, 2 s serv rings, 2 trophies, 3 brooches, g stone, 2 g rings, locket, swivel, 2 j sov., 5 Jubilee sixpences, half guinea, £1 19s in sil coins, 71 sil coins, 2 parcels copper coins, s h k geneva 127287, g h k Waltham chronograph 2026934, ameth ring; 2nd, g n pin, pearl ring and pearl and stone ring, rose dia and st stone brooch, clock, 24 pces e p forks and spoons, fish carver and fork, e p coffee pot, g keeper, g ring, g w ring and opera glass, s h k Waltham 348422, s o f lever 8200, em dia and prl pin, dia and st ring, rose dia and gar ring, dia and st h s pin or stud, e p jug and dish, dia and st ring, pr g specs; 3rd, g b ring, 2 g bracelets, coin, and brooch, dia and st ring (ship), g brooch, and earrings, s h lever 177391, aither; 13th, g-mtd tooth, 33 pcs china and em China box (in basket), s h lever 23434, s h k chronograph 20855, s h lever 29783, s o f Waltham 4509705, s alb and pencil case, s loc, opal pin, s chain, em cameos; 5th, g-mtd teeth, s h k lever 64549, g c alb and coin, s h lever 23292, dia arrow brooch, turq snake ring, s-mtd umbrella handle, h h dia ring, pr g specs, pr s links, s s sap ring, betting bag, h k Waltham, dia and prl brooch, 2 g bangles and g brooch, s h lever 114088 and prl h s bangle; 6th, s h k lever 945, lds g fob, albert, f glass, s h Waltham 6045399, opal brooch, g albert and locket, cs drawing instruments, g mar ring, s h k geneva 20896, g brooch revolver, sm e p salver, g bangle and g bracelet; 7th, g b ring (Alice), r dia and st d ring, opal h s pin, g c bangle, ameth bangle, dia and st ring; 8th, s h k Waltham 5519270, g alb and loc, s s dia ring, g s dia stud, dia collar stud and 5-st dia ring, g brooch, clus dia and stone ring, s o f k geneva 41804, h h opal ring, prt g albert, g pin, toothpick, and s links, dia bue ring; 9th, s h lever 3502, dia and st ring, clus dia ring, 5-st bangle, amethyst ring; 10th, h h dia ring, s h lever 82171, 6 oleographs, dia brooch, dia and st marq ring, dia and st ring, s h lever 105434, f glass, g c bracelet, g sig ring 3-st, coral ring, pce g chain, g ring, revolver and earrings, prl brooch, h keeper; 12th, h k Waltham 8402659, g ring, g o f geneva 16804, g trinket, g wed ring and keeper, s h k Waltham 7784830, s albert, and compass, g albert and locket, biscuit barrel, pair g earrings, g coin trinket, cream jug, 2 decanter stand, em salver, water jug, cruet, 8 spoons, 2 forks, g buckle keeper, 2 bracelets, 2 salt-cellars, pr nut-crackers, g bangle, g o f watch 29801, g buckle ring, banjo, prl h s pin, r dia and st bangle, Singer sewing machine 8260104, opal pin, h k Waltham 2242922, s c albert, locket, and matchbox; 13th, em clock; sil mug, cup, and plate, 2 dia studs, 42 parts Picturesque Atlas, s sauc, spoon, and fork, 9ct g albert, cs dess knives and forks, dia and sap ring, musical box, f glass, g brooch, g c bracelet, r dia locket, g tie brooch, s h lever 2442, f glass, g h geneva 82405, r dia and st d ring, g albert, ever chain, stud, g links, g mas trinket, 15 pces forks and spoons, pr nut-crackers, g albert and trinket; 14th, g chain and seal, 2 g bangles, ameth brooch, g ring, s h k Waltham 3758616, dia snake ring, opera glass and revolver, pearl brooch, s h geneva 52837, pl albert and g stone trinket, f glass; 15th, g w ring, pkt cs medical instruments, h k Waltham 6027441, g locket, lady's g albert, 3 st, opal ring, s s dia ring, s h lever 8991, st ring and pencil case, em dia and prl ring, g h geneva 248687 and albert, g chain bangle, g albert and locket, china tea set, trombone, opal ring, g w ring, g c albert, g h k geneva 55676, s h k lever 317252, g c albert, r mtd locket, brass instrument, s h k waltham 7604545, s h k waltham 7784924, dia collar stud, s m box, compass, quartz trinket, 2 pcs gold; 16th, s h lever 28875, s albert, s h waltham 1524030, g o f k geneva 83346, s h k waltham 7053046, s h k geneva 52435, dia and prl ring, cs drawing instruments, dia and many ring; 17th, g h s pin, 6 cups, saucers and plates in tin box, g bracelet and opal ring, pr g links, 5 sil coins, 5-doll pce, g keeper and 2 g nuggets, 2 boats, h h dia ring, htg k waltham 8458392, pr s s dia earrings, dia and sapphire bracelet, dia and sapphire brooch, g brooch, half-hoop dia ring, e p mug, g brooch, prl and st h s brooch, g h geneva 62333, htg k waltham 8008867, g mar ring, g of met watch, met alb, compass and trinket, g w ring, s h k gen 140009, g alb and locket, prl h s brooch; 19th, h k watch 1201905, 11s 6d in g coins and 15 s coins, g chain, g gen 17350, s h lever 3136, s albert, greenstone ring, amethyst ring, g w ring, s h lever 288769, s s dia ring; 20th, g geneva 10681, lady's g albert, s o f waltham 1510004, s alb and locket, g alb, and greenstone, g d ring, g c bracelet, g e links, o f k chron, s c alb, 2 trinkets, egg stand, e p cruet, 2 decanter stands, g o f k waltham 2986686, s h k Waltham 1523410 and g alb; 21st, s h waltham 4622742, g alb, g trophy, met sov purse, g brooch; 22nd, 3 st rings, s h lever 45419, dia stud, g pens case, g pin, g stud and g ring, sm s chain, sm microscope, g albert, s h waltham 2090876, assayer's scales and weights, s h waltham 1650611, prt s alb, clarionette, plated chain, bracelet and g d ring, g w ring, dia and st ring, cs carvers, h k waltham 8401410, s alb; 23rd, g w ring, keeper and g d ring, g o f geneva 18012, s h gen 23789, s alb and bangle, g h s pin, ameth ring, g keeper, 2 prs s sugar tongs, violin and bow, s s dia ring, g w ring; 24th, moonstone ring, 2 g albert, opal and stone brooch, s h k elgin 3733840, s h lever 45550, s s dia ring, 3 egg cups, 2 forks and spoons, and bouquet holder, g albert, pr eyeglasses, g neck and ear, g brooch and dia brooch, dia and st ring, o f met watch, albert, trinket, and matchbox, telescope, 16 pool balls, s h waltham 2970132, s alb and sov purse, s cigar case and dia pin, pearl stud, g nugg pin, s o f geneva 75219, s alb and trinket, g alb and trophy, g h lever 86874, g alb and lecel, g h k chronograph (by Nicole Nielsen) 5839, dia horseshoe pin, g w ring, e p soup tureen, s o f geneva 4881, pce s chain; 26th, g mourning ring, pearl brooch, g h lever 80248, g h k waltham 6254843, s h lever 4131 and albert, 3 law books, s h k geneva 109140, g alb and brooch, s h k waltham 4012222, g alb, 3 dia and stone d rings, 3 books, g albert, g c bangle, 8 pool balls; 27th, s fork and spoon, and pr g links, g c bangle, 2 lens, 16 pool balls, h h opal ring, g ring (Lily), 5dol. piece, s h waltham 1547795, mosaic ring, g ring, g mug ring, g pens case, s h s watch, 80121, s h k waltham 8396144; 28th, dia ring, s h k geneva 987561, h k watch 7089527, g tie brooch, 5-stone dia ring; 29th, e p butter dish, clus dia and pearl ring, g h lever 46675, dia bar brooch, s s dia ring, g scarf ring, pr g solitaires, s h k lever 1258 over 11198, cornet (in case), g d h k geneva 5180, s o f geneva 6868, s alb and trinket, pr g sols, pr g chains, met sov purse, camera and 8 slides, cornet, rose dia and pearl ring, s snuff box, dia and stone ring; 30th, g bar bangle, r specimen, Gladstone bag; 31st, g h geneva 115745, 1 g chain, h h dia and st brooch, s h k chronograph 6475, violin and bow, lady's g albert, hg h dia ring, g o f geneva 40063, pr g-mtd specs, camera, lens, and legs. June—1st, imperial flower bicycle.
Also a quantity of goods upon which the sum of five shillings and under has been advanced.
And all other goods previously advertised and kept over by request of pawner.

CLOTHING.
The Unredeemed Clothing, &c., under of the 'N.S.W. Mont de Piete D. and Co., Ltd., of 74 Castlereagh-street, will be sold at the Rooms of John P. Lister, Labour Bazaar Auction Rooms, 247A Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16th instant, at half-past 2 o'clock, Without Reserve.
1900. May—21st, serge coat and vest; 22nd, serge suit; 28th, 2 rems d matl. June—4th, mackintosh; 11th, 2 tablecloths, window drapery; 12th, satin d piece; 14th, naval suit, epaulettes, and sword; 18th, evening dress; 19th, child's dress; 20th, brown coat and vest, cloth suit, white silk dress; 21st, toilets, jacket, child's cloak and syringe, 2 rugs, 2 prs trousers, 2 jkts, 1 pce linen; 22nd, remnants, serge suit, serge suit, pr trous; 23rd, 3 pr wh trous, 3 jkts, 4 shirts and p coat, walking coat and vest; 25th, pr curtains, trous, vest and jckt, twd suit; 27th, frock suit, rem d matl, 3 plow slips, jckt, t cloth, 5 pcs forks and spoons, 2 s thimbles, 1 sil brooch; 28th, serge suit, remnt silk; 29th, 2 suit lengths. July—2nd, twd suit and towel, d coat and vest, mack; 3rd, skirt, jkt, rem d matl; 5th, frock ct and vest; 6th, serge coat; 7th, mack, tweed mack; 11th, mack, tweed mack; 12th, blk suit, ct and vest, pr trous in g bag, d suit; 13th, d suit; 14th, o'coat, rem d matl, 2 pyjama suits, pr shoes, and rem d matl, pr curtains, mack; 16th, brown drape, o'coat, cerette suit, 3 pces n'work, ld's mantle, maltese lace and n'work, dress and skirt, dress, cape, 2 guernseys, 2 shirts; 17th, 12 child's gowns, blk suit, dress and cape, velvet cape, silk shawl, 12yd blk silk, ld's mack, tweed suit, lt. suit, pr trous, frk coat; 18th, ct and vest; 19th, o'coat, 5 sheets, pce swansdown; 20th, d suit, 2 suits, 2 sts, 2 vests.
Also a quantity of goods upon which the sum of five shillings and under has been advanced.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 11 a.m.
STRONGMAN AND WATSON beg to inform gentry furnishing well, new arrivals, young couples, trade buyers, and others that they hold their GREAT MONTHLY CLEARING SALE BY AUCTION, on account of various clients, in THE BURWOOD SALEROOMS.
CONCERT GRAND ERARD PIANO, UPRIGHT GRAND PIANO, and others. Magnificent SUITES, SIDEBOARDS, EXT. TABLES, BOOKCASE, WARDROBES, CHESTS DRAWERS, COMB. CHESTS, CARPETS, LINOLEUMS, CURTAINS, CHINA, SILVERPLATE, PAINTINGS, ENGRAVINGS, BOOKS, SEWING MACHINES, Brass and Nickel M. BEDSTEADS, Hair and Kapok Bedding, OVERMANTELS, VALUABLE TIMEPIECES, and ORNAMENTS, HIGH-CLASS NEW MODEL EUREKA STOVE, Enamelled, SPLENDID DRESSERS and KITCHEN REQUISITES, Outside Lots. Also Ladies' and Gent.'s Bicycles, for different owners.
Lady buyers may freely bid here without interference or annoyance, and goods purchased may be stored here until wanted or properly packed for transit per train or steamer.

IN BANKRUPTCY.
Estate G. A. M'Mahon, 47 Wentworth Park-road, Glebe.
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 a.m., on the Premises, 47 Wentworth Park-road, Glebe.
By order of W. H. Palmer, Esq., Official Assignee.
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.
C. F. W. LLOYD will sell by auction as above. No Reserve. Terms, Cash.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 2.30 o'clock. AT 37 BROADWAY, GLEBE.
J. BROWN and CO. will sell by auction, Without Reserve, for Proprietress, her superior and well-kept Household Furniture and Appointments, comprising Genoa and Plush Drawing-room SUITE, Wal. OVERMANTEL, several CARPETS, Ornaments, large Model Bord PIANO, Dining-room Furniture, Bedroom SUITE, Combinations, Chests Drs., Toilet Ware, Double, Single, and Three-quarter Bedsteads and Bedding, Linoleum, latest improved Singer Sewing Machine (cost 12g.), almost new Mangle, Kit. and Laun. Utensils, and req. furn. thr.

To Grocers, Storekeepers, Drapers, and General Dealers.
Genuine Bona-fide Clearing Auction Sale.
Ashton's Grocery Store, George-st., Canterbury, nr. stn.
FRIDAY, NOV. 9th, at 11 o'clock.
Owner Retiring from Business.
Tea, Soap, Pickles, Sauces, Flour, Vinegar, Preserves, Hosiery, Ribbons, Laces, Cottons, Silks, Laces, &c., &c. Ironmongery, Bolts, Toys, Vases, Glassware and Crockery, 3 Sets Brass Counter Scales, 2 Avery's Platform ditto, 1 Upstanding Draught Horse, Van, Springcart, Harness.
GEO. F. BAINES invites buyers to this sale of clean, sound stock, and worth attention buyers. No reserve.
H. LEVY sells at 155 Regent-st., Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Sundries. This Day, at 2.30.

ARNOTT'S
MILK ARROWROOTS,
THE CHILDREN'S BISCUITS.
ASK FOR ARNOTT'S.

Auction Sales.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, 9th NOVEMBER, at Eleven o'clock a.m.
IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION, AT THE AUCTION ROOMS of LAWSON, CARO, AND CO., Ltd., 128-130 PITT-STREET, near King-street.
HIGHLY SUPERIOR FURNITURE and HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS, including the Complete Furnishings removed from a Villa Residence at Mosman to the Rooms for Convenience of Sale, and on account of various Vendors, comprising GLASSWARE, FINE CHINA, CUTLERY, and FIRST QUALITY SHEFFIELD ELECTROPLATE.
HANDSOME DINING-ROOM FURNITURE in Solid American Walnut.
SUPERIOR HALL FURNITURE made in Solid American Walnut and Oak.
ROYAL AXMINSTER and BRUSSELS CARPETS.
ELEGANT OVERMANTELS.
COSTLY WINDOW DRAPERIES.
EXQUISITE DRAWING-ROOM and OCCASIONAL SUITES.
HANDSOME DRAWING-ROOM CABINETS.
CHOICE ORNAMENTS and BRIC-A-BRAC.
VALUABLE OIL PAINTINGS and WATER-COLOUR DRAWINGS.
HIGH-CLASS PIANOFORTES, new and second-hand, by renowned makers.
HANDSOME BEDROOM FURNITURE, including Suites for Single and Double Apartments.
DOUBLE and SINGLE BEDSTEADS, furnished complete, with Woven Wire Spring Mattresses, Horsehair and Kapok Bedding.
SOLID CEDAR WARDROBES, PAIRS TOILETS, CHESTS DRAWERS, COMBINATION DRESSING CHESTS, LINEN PRESSES, KITCHEN DRESSERS.
KITCHEN and LAUNDRY REQUISITES, &c., &c., &c.
LAWSON, CARO, and CO., Limited.
JAMES R. LAWSON, AUCTIONEER, have received instructions to sell by auction, as above, WITHOUT ANY RESERVE, AT THEIR AUCTION ROOMS, 128-130 Pitt-street, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, 9th NOVEMBER, at 11 a.m.

TO THE DRAPERY TRADE, DEALERS, and OTHERS.
At the ROOMS, 12 BARRACK-STREET, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, at 11 O'CLOCK SHARP.
MEN'S, BOYS', and YOUTHS' CLOTHING.
Also, GENERAL DRAPERY and UNDERWEAR, consisting of Calicoes, Sheetings, Silesias, Prints, Flannels, Flannelettes, Women's and Children's Hosiery, Corsets, Underclothing, Ribbons, Laces, Silks, Velvets, Haberdashery, Trimmed Hats, Millinery, &c., &c.
A. TRAVERSI AND CO. will sell as above, at their rooms, 12 Barrack-street, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, November 8, at 11 o'clock sharp.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 8th NOVEMBER, at 3 p.m.
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION, at the COMMODIOUS AUCTION ROOMS, 324 George-street.
REMOVED FROM 115 GEORGE-STREET WEST.
CHOICE COLLECTION CANARIES, AVIARIES, FINCHES, BLUE-FACED AMAZON PARROT, good talker, NEW GUINEA PARROT, Port Lincoln Parrot, Breeding and Show Cages, Fancy Pigeons, Beautiful Spaniel Dog, &c., &c.
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TERMS, CASH. NO RESERVE.
ON VIEW THIS MORNING. INSPECTION INVITED.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.
HIGHLY IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE of SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS, UPRIGHT PIANO and EFFECTS.
At our SPACIOUS ROOMS, 115 Bathurst-street, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, November 9th, AT 11 O'CLOCK.
Removed from ROCKWALL-STREET, POTTS POINT, to the Rooms.
CUT and ENGRAVED GLASSWARE, CHINA, DINNER, and DESSERT SERVICES, Handsome Leather DINING SUITE, 9 pieces, Massive Extension DINING TABLE, size 8 x 4, fitted with patent screw and 2 spare leaves. Magnificent Solid Walnut SIDEBOARD, size 6ft., arranged with lofty Bevelled Plateglass Back, Plate Drawers and Cupboards, and Cellarette. Magnificent 2-winged Solid Walnut BEDROOM SUITE, Handsome Regency Bedroom Suite, Mahogany DINNER WAGGON, TOILET SERVICES, Elegant DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, Upholstered in Silk Tapestry and Plush, in grand order. Heavily Brass-mounted Half-tester BEDSTEADS, all sizes, complete. CEDAR CHESTS, COMBINATION CHESTS, TOILET TABLES, Marble-top WASHSTANDS, ICE CHESTS, Armoured GARDEN HOSE, 20, 30, and 40 ft., Enclosed KITCHEN DRESSER, Sliding Glass Doors, Kitchen and Laundry Utensils.
DALWOOD AND CO., Limited, have received instructions from the VENDOR to sell as above.
WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

BUILDING MATERIALS.
To SPECULATIVE BUILDERS, CONTRACTORS, and Others.
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 o'clock.
MACQUARIE-STREET NORTH, adjoining Hill, Clark, and Co.'s.
DEMOLITION OF AN EIGHT-ROOMED W. BOARD HOUSE.
150 Sheets of Galvanised Iron, A1 quality
3000 feet Hardwood Joists, 8 x 2½, 8 x 2½
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1500 feet Flooring Boards, 2500 Lining Boards
Panel Doors, Ledge Doors, Sashes and Frames
Mantelpieces, Architraves, Mouldings, &c.
CORDNER, BARNETT, and PUGH have received instructions to sell as above. ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 2.30 p.m.
On the Premises, 230 King-street, Newtown.
UNRESERVED SALE.
SHOP FITTINGS (nearly new) and FURNITURE, consisting of Polished Pine and Glazed Partitions, Shelving, TAILOR'S CUTTING COUNTER, Dummies, &c. LARGE MAHOGANY CHEVAL GLASS, Table, 12 x 3.6; 4.6 T. Bedstead, Wire, and Bedding.
H. F. BROOK (late H. W. Brook and Co.) has been instructed by the owner to sell Without Reserve.

GLEBE POINT.
WEDNESDAY, 14th NOVEMBER, at 11 a.m.
ATTRACTIVE AND IMPORTANT SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, AT MIGNON, 56 WIGRAM-ROAD, GLEBE POINT.
Under instructions from ALFRED J. HERALD, Esq., consequent upon his relinquishing housekeeping.
THE WHOLE OF THE VERY SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND APPOINTMENTS. MAGNIFICENT UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTE, in Walnut Case, by Walstein and Sohn. HANDSOME DRAWING-ROOM FURNITURE. DINING-ROOM FURNITURE, in walnut. THE CONTENTS OF FURNISHED BEDROOMS. Kitchen and Cooking Utensils.
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ON VIEW TUESDAY FROM 2 to 5.

TO BAKERS, CONFECTIONERS, STOREKEEPERS, AND OTHERS.
IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE at GULGONG, on SATURDAY, 10th NOVEMBER, 1900, by
C. E. HILTON, Auctioneer, under instructions from the Master in Lunacy.
THE TIMES BAKERY.
Conducted most successfully for many years by Mr. WILLIAM THOMPSON, and comprising commodious shop (with fittings), General Store, 8-roomed Dwelling, spacious cellarage, underground and other tanks, large bakery with first-class stone and brick oven, 4 store rooms, large stables and vehicle sheds; the whole occupying a prominent and central position. A first-class opportunity for an energetic business man. Also a long-established and Central BILLIARD ROOM and other Freehold Properties in Gulgong, particulars of which may be obtained from the Auctioneer; or L. G. HOUSE, Esq., Solicitor, Gulgong; or from the MASTER IN LUNACY, Chancery-square, Sydney.

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Auction Sales.

ORDERS OF SALE.
CITY AND SUBURBAN PROPERTIES, to be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m., TO-MORROW, FRIDAY.
WYNYARD-SQUARE.—Residence, No. 44 Margaret street, between George and York streets.
CITY.—Shop and Dwelling, No. 514 Cleveland-street, between Bourke-street and Moore Park. Mortgagee's sale.
PADDINGTON.—Vacant Land (-acre), Spring-street, near Glenmore-road and Gipps-street. Mortgagee's sale.
WAVERLEY.—Block of Land, Birrell and Porter streets, between Cowper and Botany streets.
DITTO.—W.B. Cottage, Tramway-street, and Cottage at rear, just off Dickson-street.
GLEBE.—Homes, No. 26 Darvan-street, Lyndhurst Cob Lane Estate. FREEHOLD. Mortgagee's sale.
BALMAIN.—Three Shops and Dwellings, Nos. 87 to 91 Darling-street, between Merton and Nelson streets. Mortgagee's sale.
SUMMER HILL.—Devonshire Cottage, Smith-street, opposite St. Andrew's Church of England. Mortgagee's sale.
ASHFIELD.—Cottage, TYAGONG, No. 11 Shepherd street, between Arthur-street and Park-avenue. Mortgagee's sale.
DITTO.—Cottage, No. 36 Holden-street, close to Church street.
DRUMMOYNE.—Shop and Dwelling, Bridge-street and Park-avenue, close to ferry.
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ORDER OF SALE.
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MOSMAN.—Lots 21, 22, 23, and 24, section 4, Cremorne Estate, 40ft. each to Cabramatta-road, 150ft. deep. Torrens.
STANMORE.—Lots 8, 9, 16, and 16A, Tupper-street, close STANMORE-ROAD, splendid level sites. Terms arranged. Torrens title.
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MOSMAN.—7 CHOICE ALLOTMENTS, close to BALLAN-STREET, fine position, 7 minutes from ferry. Easy terms. Torrens title.
H. W. HORNING and CO. will sell by public auction, at 11.30 a.m. THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at their Rooms, 88 Pitt-street (near Bridge-street), city.

NEXT SATURDAY.
PALMERSTON ESTATE, GLEBE HEIGHTS.
SPLENDID BUILDING LAND, LOVELY VIEWS.
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The Houses will be sold SEPARATELY or in ONE LINE.
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TOWNSVILLE, NORTH QUEENSLAND.
Auction sale of Leases.
MARKET RESERVE BUILDINGS, THEATRE, HOTEL, SHOPS, and OFFICES.
MONDAY, 19th NOVEMBER, 1900, at 12 noon. At the TOWN HALL, Townsville.
MARGETTS and WAKEFORD (in conjunction with WM. LENNON), favoured with instructions from the Townsville Municipal Council, will sell by public auction, as above, the following valuable Leases:—
Lot 1. Hotel and Theatre.
2. Shop next Theatre.
3. Office adjoining Arcade.
4. The Arcade.
5 to 11. Offices first floor.
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The Market Reserve Hotel and Theatre, forming the principal portion of the Market-buildings recently erected, occupy the most central site in the city, being at the corner of Flinders and Stokes streets.
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DOUBLE-FRONTED W.B. COTTAGE, containing 4 rooms, kitchen. Land about 40 x 40.
CHANCE FOR A WORKING MAN.
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LIVERPOOL.—TOWN PROPERTY. In a Deceased Estate.
50 Acres Unimproved LAND, two miles Liverpool, and fresh water, upset price 50s per acre.
An Allotment, 38 x 180, fenced, Tebu's, garden, £8 upset; Vincent's Cottage, 4 rooms, land 45 x 191, upset £85.
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A 4-roomed Cottage, land 45 x 150, next Army, upset £60.
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

The President took the chair at half-past 4 o'clock.

CONGRATULATION TO THE PRESIDENT.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, before any business was called on, said: Mr. President, I am sure I am only echoing the opinions of every hon. member in this chamber when I express the gratification we all feel in finding you again restored to health and able once more to occupy the position which you have always so ably filled.

The PRESIDENT said I thank you very sincerely for the compliment you have paid me and for this welcome back again after my illness. I hope my future experience will be of the same character and will ensure the same respect as hitherto.

PACIFIC CABLE ENABLING BILL.

The Pacific Cable Enabling Bill was read the third time, passed, and returned to the Legislative Assembly.

NEW BILLS.

The Commonwealth Arrangements Bill, Stamp Duties Amendment Bill, and Customs (sugar drawbacks) Bill were received from the Legislative Assembly and read the first time, the second reading being made orders for the following day.

EARLY CLOSING (AMENDMENT) BILL.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved that the third reading of the Early Closing Amendment Bill be postponed, and stand an order for a later hour in the evening. He said it would be remembered that he agreed on the last sitting day of the House that there should be no division taken on the Industrial Arbitration Bill that day. It was very desirable that the second reading debate on the Industrial Arbitration Bill should proceed as far as possible, and he therefore proposed to take it first, and to take the Early Closing Bill after the debate was adjourned.

Mr. WANT: There was an understanding that you should not go to a division to-night on the Industrial Arbitration Bill.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: In order that the debate upon it may proceed I think it is best to postpone the Early Closing Bill until a later hour in the evening.

Mr. WANT said that if Mr. Wise would give an assurance that the Early Closing Bill would be taken at an early stage on some other day he would not have the slightest objection to it. At the present moment it seemed to him that this third reading was a very simple matter, but he had a pretty shrewd idea that when the House carried an amendment giving the small shopkeepers the right to keep their shops open after 6 o'clock, the Government would decide not to accept it. If the Attorney-General would give an assurance that he only intended to move the third reading of the Early Closing Bill, then he (Mr. Want) would have nothing to say, but if the Attorney-General did not give that assurance he would ask the House to object to the postponement of the order of the day for this third reading of the Early Closing Bill.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said that he clearly intimated last week that his only course with regard to the Early Closing Bill was to go through it in committee, and to ask hon. members to recommit it for a certain purpose. There was a clear understanding last week that the first business on that day was to be the debate on the Industrial Arbitration Bill, and that was in deference to the wishes of hon. members opposite. He wished to recommit the Early Closing Bill in order to reconsider an amendment which was inserted in it by the Council. His hon. friends opposite thought the bill should be returned to the other Chamber with the amendment in it, and that the other House might disagree with it. If this House in its wisdom saw fit to do away with the amendment, the more sensible course would be to strike it out now.

Mr. DANGAR said it was very unlikely that the Early Closing Bill would occupy the whole evening, and it was most unusual, unless there was some very good reason for it, to postpone the third reading of a bill of this kind at that particular stage. The House was not asked to postpone the bill to another day, but to a later hour in the evening, and he supposed the representative of the Government hoped to debate and consider it in a practically empty House. He hoped Mr. Want would persevere in his determination, and ask the House not to agree to the motion unless it was to alter the Early Closing Bill to another day.

Mr. PILCHER said that to his mind the Early Closing Bill was quite as important as the Industrial Arbitration Bill, and perhaps even more so. It was a measure which was capable of bearing very prejudicially on the people, and it would therefore be as well to take it as early as possible in the day, and not late in the evening.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL, in reply, said it was the intention of the Government to ask the House to recommit the Early Closing Bill and reconsider its provisions. He took it that there must be a more or less protracted debate on the Industrial Arbitration Bill, and in all probability the Early Closing Bill would not be reached that night. There was no attempt on the part of the Government to snap a division in the small hours of the morning, but what was desired was that there should be a proper debate on the Early Closing Bill while hon. members were fresh, and not when they were tired after a long sitting.

Mr. WANT: I am very anxious to see the bill pass with my amendment in it.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: I do not think the hon. member will ever see it pass into law with that clause in it.

Mr. WANT: Well, then, why not kill it at once—why not cut its throat?

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said he had no doubt the hon. member would like to kill the bill. If he had thought that it was intended to force out the third reading in this way, he would not have agreed last week not to take the division on the Industrial Arbitration Bill that night.

The House divided on the motion that the third reading be postponed until a later hour in the evening with the result that 18 members voted for it and 18 against.

The PRESIDENT said that as the voting was equal it devolved on him to give his casting vote. He would do so for the ayes.

INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION BILL.

The debate on the motion for the second reading of the Industrial Arbitration Bill was resumed.

Dr. CULLEN said he trusted he would not be charged with indifference to the rights or the wrongs of workmen, or with not appreciating the evils of strikes, but he could only see one course to be taken with this bill, and that was to reject it on the second reading. He had not come to that conclusion without very close attention to the details of the measure. He did not think he was one of those who could be described as a slave to words. With regard to freedom of contract, the law already interfered very seriously with it. There were many laws which interfered to prevent the fulfilment of certain contracts if they were entered into, and which even went so far as to impose penalties upon persons for entering into them, but this was the first time in which they had been asked to enact a law which would impose a rigorous compulsion upon men to carry out contracts which they had not made—to impose upon them obligations which a peculiarly constituted court might think fit to undertake. While he had no quarrel with the general principles laid down by the hon. member in charge of the bill, he disputed entirely his statement that the bill did not impose compulsion. The bill must be judged wholly and solely upon its merits. Out of it could be taken the whole of the provisions which related to the creation of industrial unions without in anyway altering its main character. The Attorney-General had said he considered this an opportune time for the introduction of such a bill, because there were no labour troubles or strikes. The fact that there were no labour troubles or strikes was one which might be taken as a sign that the public would look with indifference as to what was intended by legislation of this kind. It had gone through another place without proper consideration. In the committee stage it went through in two nights. On another night it was taken up about midnight, and the House sat until 4 a.m.; and on the other night it came up also about midnight, and was finished about 10 a.m. A great part of that time was occupied in ringing the quorum bell, and a great part was also occupied by members who complained that the bill required more consideration than they were able to give it in the circumstances. There was no wave of public opinion in favour of it. As to the machinery of the bill, it was said to be modelled on that of New Zealand; but there were departures from the Act of New Zealand in this measure. He had spoken to a great many persons both inside and outside the House, and there seemed to be a general impression that no one came within the provisions of the bill unless they chose to make an agreement with an industrial union or in some way invoked the judgment of the Court. He wished to show that every employer in the country came under the lash of the bill. It was true that he was under no obligation to join an industrial union or to make a contract with a union of employees, but the bill reached him all the same. (Hear, hear.)

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: I explained that matter as clearly as possible.

Dr. CULLEN said that if they would turn to the interpretation clause they would find that "industrial dispute" meant "dispute in relation to industrial matters arising between an employer or industrial union of employers on the one part and an industrial union of employees or trades-union or branch on the other part, and includes any dispute arising out of an industrial agreement." Sub-clauses A, B, C, and D of the interpretation clause gave an idea how far-reaching the bill was. Under clause 21 of the bill a trades-union could bring a man before the Court although he had no bargain or dealing with them one way or the other; and by clause 30 it was provided that, "where in the course of any proceedings before it, the Court determines the meaning of any agreement between two or more industrial unions or the application of any such agreement to the matter in dispute before the said Court, the Court may declare that such agreement or any term thereof shall, with such exceptions and subject to such conditions and with such limitations as the Court may prescribe be a common rule in the employment in respect of which the said dispute has occurred, and may fix penalties for the breach thereof," &c. The Court was therefore made both legislator and executioner, and he could not imagine that either hon. members or the public had realised the effect of that provision.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: That provision has been in existence in Victoria for four years under the Factories Act.

Dr. MACLAURIN: The definition of "factories" in Victoria is much more limited than it is in New South Wales.

Dr. CULLEN said that if they looked at the definition of employer and employee in the interpretation clause hon. members would find that there was really no class of mixed labour which could escape from it except in the case of hired servants. (Hear, hear.) An employer was liable to have every detail of his business dealt with under subsections A, B, C, and D of the interpretation clause, and he was liable under the bill to have the rates of wages decided for him, and also the hours of employment, &c., although an employee against whom he complained might be one whom he considered most unsuitable to him. (Hear, hear.) Then an employer was not at liberty to dismiss persons because he objected to have trades unionists in his employment. (Hear, hear.) He was fixed in that respect by clause 28. They proposed to impose a penalty upon a man because he said: "I do not want to be brought up before this court, but I am bound to be brought up by a litigious process if I have a union man in my employ." And if he dismissed a man he was liable to an award and the payment of a penalty. Then, by clause 33, heavy penalties were imposed for any breach of the award or order of the court.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: The trade unions are equally liable by that clause.

Dr. CULLEN: No doubt; but it struck him that a breach in question under an industrial agreement might consist of the dismissal of an incompetent or disorderly workman. Then, under clause 32, the members of an industrial union were made liable to penalties under certain circumstances. No limit was placed upon litigation under the bill, nor was the time fixed during which the award was to continue in existence, and every dispute between a man and his employees could be brought before the court if he happened to belong to an industrial union. He could also have the disputes of other people forced upon him without being brought before the court at all. Then again, he thought it was impossible for employers or workmen selected to sit as assessors with the Judge to approach a subject of this sort without some kind of leaning, and that was why the experiment had been spoken of in England as a dangerous one. He contended that the experience of New Zealand in regard to legislation of this kind had not been proved to be satisfactory, and without expressing any disparagement of Mr. Mills, whose opinion had been quoted by the Attorney-General, he would like to point out that that gentleman was unfortunately a member of a large firm of employers, whose interests strongly lay in limiting competition—(hear, hear)—and he (Dr. Cullen) quoted on the other side the opinion of Mr. M'Gregor, who in August last wrote an able letter on the subject to the "Sydney Morning Herald." The operation of the bill in New Zealand might have the effect of driving trade from one part of that colony to another, but here, where the colonies were federated, it might have the effect of driving trade from one part of Australia to another. That, he thought, required some explanation. (Hear, hear.) The extraordinary principle which was to be introduced by this bill would create greater difficulties than any which the New Zealand laws had done. In New Zealand the objection to a uniform wage throughout the colony was that circumstances differed in different parts of the colony. In Auckland, for instance, house rents were lower than in Wellington; in one part of the colony the expenses of living were not so great as in others, but the manufacturers there had to compete only with manufacturers of their own colony. In New South Wales the manufacturers would, under federation, be exposed to the competition of all the colonies. He would give in the factory laws of Victoria and the labour laws of South Australia, and would then say that in those States the laws would not interfere one-tenth part with the people that this bill would do. In New Zealand there was a great deal of dissatisfaction concerning the Act. During the past five years there had been a few strikes here of no great magnitude; in New Zealand during that time there had been a constant state of litigation.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: Is not litigation preferable to strikes?

Dr. CULLEN: It was not certain that it was. There was no finality in a constant state of litigation—in a constant state of unrest—because troubles of this kind grew by what they fed on. Had the experience of New Zealand justified anyone in saying that it was well to introduce such experimental legislation here? He would grant that there had been peace, but would there not also be something approaching stagnation. There was another feature of the bill to which he would allude, and that was the protection of the funds of trades unions. He did not say that trades unions were bad, or that they should not be encouraged, but it was impossible to make the losing party liable for all the damages caused to the winning party without taking away his funds, and if they pretended to make him liable, but allowed him to be so to only a limited extent, then they discouraged any bargaining with the unions. They could not have security on the funds of the unions if they protected those funds.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: Supposing you say that they shall put the money down first, what then?

Dr. CULLEN: It will amount to bleeding the unions first instead of afterwards.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: I am willing to accept an amendment to that effect, and so are the unions.

Mr. KATER: Up to what amount?

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: Up to £500 if you like; to the same amount as the employers, only they must be treated both alike.

Dr. CULLEN: There was another matter—that referring to trades unions. The conditions of admission depended upon the Government of the day, because it was laid down in clause 6 that the rules must be adopted after the leave of the Governor was obtained. Again, the bill applied to the large spending departments of the Government. No one could deny that the payment of a minimum wage of 7s a day had very considerably altered the conditions of labour in the country. There was no doubt that it had drawn men away from occupations in which they were profitably engaged—(hear, hear)—and the hon. member in charge of the bill should be very careful in applying to this colony the experience of New Zealand. Another thing to which he took exception in the bill was that the powers of the Court were extravagantly and exorbitantly large, and there was no limit to the time during which the awards of the Court were to be binding.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: I will be glad to accept an amendment limiting the duration of the award to two years.

Dr. CULLEN said it seemed to him that if this provision were inserted in the bill it would prevent all possible attempts on the part of employers to exercise the very smallest judgment and discrimination in carrying on their businesses. There was another objection to the bill, and that was the inquisitorial power to be exercised by the Court. Subclause "k" of clause 19 gave power to the Court to refer to an expert the taking of accounts, estimates of quantities, calculations of strains, and other technical matters, and to accept the report of such expert as evidence. Clause 24 gave power to the Court, or any person authorised by it, to enter any building, mine, ship, and so on, where any industry was carried on which was made the subject of reference to the Court, and inspect them or examine on oath any person there. The Court was to be sworn to secrecy, but who was going to close the mouth of the expert? There were many other details of the bill, to which he would not refer now, but he considered it would be a calamity to this country if this experiment in legislation were allowed to become law. The present was not a time for the making of such experiments. If either from want of thought or want of courage that House followed the lead of the other branch of the Legislature, they would, he believed, give a very severe blow indeed to the condition of any rational government in the colony in the future. (Hear, hear.) In dealing with this matter they must consider whether in attempting to get rid of one evil they would not bring about another the results of which no man could foresee. (Hear, hear.) And it was because he thought that the House would make an irretrievable blunder if it gave its adherence to the bill that he would vote against the second reading of the bill. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. ROBSON said that notwithstanding the argument of Dr. Cullen he was of opinion that the time was opportune for dealing with this question. If, as the hon. member had stated—and as was undoubtedly the fact—capitalists were contemplating the starting of great industrial works in this colony, believing that they would have markets for their produce in the other colonies, it was a most opportune time for legislation which would prevent events which more than anything else had interfered with the development of industry in this colony—namely, strikes and lockouts. (Hear, hear.) This was the time then when we ought if possible to endeavour to place upon a more satisfactory basis the relations between employers and employees in this colony, and for that reason legislation of this kind was absolutely necessary. This question of compulsory arbitration had been before the colony for years past, and the petitions which had been presented to the House during the present session were sent in by those who were deeply interested in this matter, and furnished evidence that there was a demand for this legislation. It was said that the bill would be an interference with freedom of contract. That was a phrase which had come to be misunderstood and very much abused on questions of this kind, and as far as workmen were concerned freedom of contract was very often a perfect farce. (Hear, hear.) The bill did not force either employer or employee into any contract whatever. (Hear, hear.) He did not think that there was any force in the objection that this bill was an interference with personal liberty. It was also said that it would hand over the industries of the colony to the tyranny of trade-unions, but he denied that it would have that effect. No doubt there were tyrannies in connection with trade-unionism, but were there not tyrannies on the other side?

Mr. DANGAR: Very few.

Mr. ROBSON said that no doubt there were tyrannies on both sides, and one of the objects of the bill was to adjudicate between the tyrannies of employers and extreme trade-unionists. (Hear, hear.) He went to New Zealand prejudiced against the principle of compulsory arbitration in the settlement of industrial disputes, but from inquiries he made from employers and employed, and from information which he derived from other sources, he came back to this colony with the conviction that the principle had succeeded in New Zealand, and that we would have to adopt the system in this colony sooner or later.

On the motion of Mr. Flowers the debate was then adjourned till Wednesday next.

EARLY CLOSING BILL.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the third reading of this bill.

The Vice-President of the Executive Council moved as an amendment that the bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 5, which is the new clause introduced on the motion of Mr. Want.

Mr. WANT said it seemed a strange thing that after a very long and careful debate on the clause in question, and after the House had proceeded with the measure to the third reading, they should now be asked to reconsider their determination.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said it was as well to state the position of the Government in regard to the Early Closing Bill, and that was that if this amendment were carried the bill would be dropped.

Mr. MACINTOSH: A very good job, too.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: Those who complained of the defects of the law of early closing would bear the responsibility of refusing to pass a bill which unquestionably treated some of the slight defects of administration which the working of the Act revealed. The reason was that this amendment struck at the very root of the principle of early closing. It was as well that the country should know that the simple obligation of duty upon the Government which introduced the principle of early closing was to abandon the bill if it were adopted with a clause which so completely struck at the root of the principle of early closing as to make the measure ineffective.

The amendment of the Vice-President of the Executive Council was negatived by 18 votes to 10.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said he had moved the third reading of the bill, but with concurrence he would now withdraw the motion.

Mr. WANT: I object.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT: As it is objected to the motion will have to be proceeded with.

The motion for the third reading was then agreed to on the voices, and the bill was read the third time.

Mr. DANGAR said he wished to ask the Government if they intended to proceed with the usual formal stages of the bill, because if they did not he would.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL: It is not the intention of the Government to go any further with this bill to-night.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT said that the question that the bill do now pass was generally regarded as a formal one. There was no rule concerning it so far as he could see.

Mr. DANGAR moved,—"That the bill do now pass," and the motion was agreed to.

Mr. DANGAR then proceeded to move the title of the bill.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL asked, on a point of order, whether the hon. member was entitled to have the document from which he was now reading. He (the Vice-President of the Executive Council) had introduced the bill, and he claimed that he had a right to the possession of the document.

Mr. DANGAR: Well, you can take it; there it is.

The DEPUTY PRESIDENT, after a short discussion, said he thought he was bound to submit the motion.

The motion was then put and agreed to.

Mr. DANGAR said that if the Government would not lend him the copy of the motion for sending the bill to the Assembly with the usual message he would write one out for himself. He then moved,—"That the bill be carried to the Legislative Assembly with the message intimating the amendments made in it."

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said his hon. friend was taking an unprecedented course in that chamber. He had refused to give the Government an opportunity of stating what action they intended to take in regard to the measure. He protested against the motion, and thought hon. members would also protest against the bill being taken out of the hands of the Government.

Mr. DANGAR said he would withdraw the motion.

The motion was accordingly withdrawn, and at a later stage

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said that he protested against Mr. Dangar sending the bill to the Legislative Assembly, but he thought it was right to say that the Government would in all probability give the House another opportunity to further consider the matter, and the only way in which that could be brought about was by sending the message to the Assembly. With concurrence he would, therefore, move that the bill be sent to the Legislative Assembly with the usual message.

The motion was agreed to.

NAVIGATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Consideration of this bill in committee was resumed, and the measure was passed through committee with two unimportant amendments. The third reading was made an order for the following day.

DEFAMATION BILL.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the second reading of the Defamation Bill. He said it did not contain any matter which was contentious, because a bill going further than this one had already passed through the House. The object of the measure was to bring the law of this colony into harmony with that of England and of the other colonies, and the principal provisions of it to which he might refer were three. In clause 6 it was provided that a newspaper might publish in good faith for the information of the public any of the following matters:—Proceedings in Parliament, proceedings in Courts of Justice, proceedings before official inquiries, public notifications by the Government, and the proceedings of local authorities. Many hon. members might be surprised to learn that it was not now permissible to a newspaper to report proceedings in Parliament, and it was only right that in this respect where transactions of a public nature were reported the newspaper should be protected if it gave fair reports of them, and published them in good faith. The next provision to which he would refer was in clause 14, which provided that if the defendant in an action for libel could show to the satisfaction of a Judge that the plaintiff was bankrupt, the latter might be ordered to give security for costs. Clause 9 contained the next provision, which provided that compensation in other actions was admissible in mitigation of damages.

Mr. Want and Mr. Dangar supported the motion, but said they hoped the Government would not take the bill through committee that night.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL said he would not do more than take the second reading that night.

The second reading was then agreed to, and the bill formally taken into committee, when progress was reported.

MONEY-LENDERS AND INFANTS' LOANS BILL.

The bill was read the third time, passed, and sent to the Legislative Assembly.

ADJOURNMENT

The House at 10.40 p.m. adjourned until 4 o'clock on the following day.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

The Speaker took the chair at 10.30 a.m.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS, in answer to Mr. M'Mahon, said that as soon as the state of public business permitted he would submit the Walcha railway for the consideration of Parliament.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS, in answer to Dr. Ross, said that when funds were available the construction of a weir at Nyrang Creek would be attended to.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL, in answer to Dr. Ross, said that the penny postage system could not be extended to a 13 miles' radius around Cudal, as the condition requisite for the granting of that advantage did not exist there.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL, in answer to Dr. Ross, said an officer would next week inquire into the public complaints and alleged irregularities at the Garland receiving office.

The MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, in answer to Dr. Ross, said he did not think it expedient that candidates who failed at a university examination should be permitted to attend a subsequent examination of a similar character without paying an additional fee, inasmuch as the expense of conducting the examination was the same, whether the candidates passed or failed.

The MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, in answer to Mr. Gormly, said that the practice of the department for years past is to remind land selectors who were in arrears of the liability of their holdings to forfeiture. The department dealt as generously as possible with selectors who were in arrear, and did not enforce forfeiture where there appeared to be a possibility of payment being made within a reasonable period. He would pay attention to the request that no forfeitures were declared until the holders had time to harvest and sell their crops.

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr. A. H. Griffith and Mr. Haynes, said he did not intend to close the session without having done his best to pass the Old Age Pensions Bill. He was prepared to make his speech on the matter at any moment. He did not feel disposed to withdraw the Municipalities Amendment Bill, because it was an important measure. All he could do was to appeal to hon. members to curb discussion.

The MINISTER FOR WORKS, in answer to Mr. Ferry, said that in whatever part he had taken in the Ashfield Parliamentary election he had only exercised the right of a citizen, and he had not abused the powers of his office.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr. Molesworth, said that he would ascertain who was to blame for the jamming of the steamer Salfordia in the opening of Pyrmont Bridge on the previous day.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, in answer to Mr. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, said that he had received information from the Superintendent of Police at Singleton, through the Inspector-General of Police, stating that the skull of Joe Governor, the Breelong blackfellow, had been left on the body by the Government Medical Officer, Dr. Bowman, but the brain was taken out in order to trace the bullet, and sent to Professor Wilson, of the Sydney University, in order that the convolution of the brain of an aboriginal murderer might be studied.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr. Ross, said that he was not going to give up everything else in order to expedite the passage of the Federal Elections Bill. He was going to regulate the business of the House in his own way. He would carry the bill through as early as possible, and hon. members need not feel any alarm that he was not going to carry through the House all the important measures he had promised to.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr. Meagher, said that he would endeavour to ascertain the names of the New South Wales companies and the regiments to which they belonged who were now returning from South Africa.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr. Norton, said that about five months ago a recommendation was made to him to resume some land along the railway line between Gosford and Wyong for a small scheme of closer settlement. Personally he was in favour of the scheme. The report had been sent to the Lands Department, but he had not received any report thereon from the department. He would have inquiries made.

TREASURY BILLS DEFICIENCY BILL.

On the motion of the Premier the House went into committee to consider the expediency of bringing in a bill to authorise the issue of Treasury bills to cover the deficiency debt up to June 30, 1900, and other such debts; to provide for the redemption of such bills, to make further provision for the redemption of Treasury bills issued under previous Deficiency Acts, and for purposes consequent on or incidental to those objects.

The PREMIER, in moving the usual resolution, said that the total of the items amounted to £930,000, and the bill would practically do away with the suspense account, as foreshadowed in his financial statement. Provision was also made for the yearly redemption of the amount. He asked for discussion to be reserved until the second reading of the bill was moved.

The resolution was agreed to, reported to the House and adopted. The bill was introduced, read the first time, and the second reading made an order for the following day.

SUPREME COURT PROCEDURE BILL.

The House went into committee to consider the amendments of the Legislative Council to the Supreme Court Procedure Bill.

On the motion of the Premier the committee disagreed with a portion of the Council's amendments defining the powers of the Judges to make rules relating to procedure in the Court generally. Subsection (A) in clause 14 "for the purpose of abridging or enlarging the time fixed by any statute for the taking of any step in any proceedings in the court" was struck out by the committee. In sub-section (C) of the same clause the Premier proposed to strike out all the words except "For the purpose of preventing the filing of pleas for the object of delay, or of striking out such pleas when so filed."

Mr. NORTON said that the whole of the subsection should be struck out, because it gave a single Judge the right to say whether he would allow the whole of the evidence to go before the jury. The Attorney-General had, it was understood, withdrawn this contentious matter from the bill when it was previously before the Assembly.

Mr. MAHONY said that the Attorney-General had rejected the legislation proposed by Mr. Garland and himself and suggested by the Chamber of Commerce a few weeks ago, but he now sent the thing they had objected to down from the Upper House in another form. Would the Premier allow him to move the omission of the whole sub-section?

The PREMIER: If there is any long discussion I will let the matter drop altogether.

Mr. MAHONY withdrew his former amendment and moved that the sub-clause read so as to enable the Court to make rules "for the purpose of providing for the verification on oath of all pleas filed in actions arising under a writ specially endorsed under the 24th section of the Common Law Procedure Act, 1899."

Mr. REID said that was a sound amendment. He desired to point out that this reform bill, though it had many good points, failed in an important particular. A simple clause could have enabled and compelled the Courts in all their jurisdictions to adopt the rules applying in Equity. That was the system adopted in England and all the Australian colonies except New South Wales. Under our system a man might be ruined by taking a case to an Equity Court which should go to a Court of Common Law, or vice versa.

The amendment by Mr. Mahony was agreed to on the voices.

Mr. ROSE moved the omission of sub-section (E) as inserted by the Legislative Council, and which gave power to award costs in cases for which no statutory provision was made.

The PREMIER said the sub-section was fair and necessary.

The committee divided on Mr. Rose's amendment, which was agreed to by 23 votes to 20.

Mr. MAHONY moved the omission of the subsection (F) inserted by the Legislative Council. The sub-section gave the Judges power to make rules "generally for the purpose of regulating the practice and procedure of the Court." He said the authority was too wide, and existing rules gave sufficient power.

The PREMIER said the bill would be useless without the clause.

The amendment was negatived by 25 votes to 15.

Sub-section (2) was negatived, and the section as amended agreed to.

The bill was reported to the House with the amendment of one of the Council's amendments, and the report was adopted.

MUNICIPALITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL.

The House went into committee to further consider the Municipalities (Amendment) Bill.

Clause 33, "Assessment and rate may be on unimproved value after resolution of council or ratepayers' vote."

On the motion of the Premier the insertion in the clause of the following proviso with regard to the resolution was made, namely, "on a requisition signed by not less than 20 ratepayers in the municipality."

Mr. DACEY moved an amendment exempting property let or used for brickmaking and mining purposes. How could they tell the unimproved value of a mine?

Mr. THOMAS said that the whole of the clauses dealing with the general rates should be postponed until the Colonial Secretary had made up his mind as to what he was going to do in regard to mining properties.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY said that he intended to draft a special clause dealing with the rating of mining properties, and if there was anything in the clause before the committee not in harmony with the new clause after it was agreed to he would give an opportunity to remove any inconsistency.

Mr. DACEY said that the Colonial Secretary had indicated all that he wished to accomplish, and withdrew his amendment.

Mr. COHEN said that instead of a ratepayers' vote being taken on the question of the mode of rating it should be an electors' vote. He moved that the word "ratepayers" be altered to "electors."

The COLONIAL SECRETARY said he would accept the amendment, as he did not see how they could differentiate the circumstances under which a lodger should vote, since the main object of the bill was to widen the franchise.

Mr. Dight, Mr. Kidd, and Mr. Molesworth opposed the proposal on the ground that only those who paid the rates should have the right of saying whether they should be levied on the unimproved or rental value of the property.

The committee divided on Mr. Cohen's amendment, which was agreed to on the voices, and the clause as amended was agreed to.

On clause 34, "Ratepayer's vote,"

Mr. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK moved an amendment providing in the case of votes of the electors to decide a principle affecting rating that one elector could exercise only one vote in a municipality.

The committee divided, and the amendment was negatived by 41 votes to 14. The clause as amended was agreed to.

On clause 36, "Where assessment on unimproved value,"

The COLONIAL SECRETARY moved to strike out "and no rate imposed shall exceed 3s 4d in the £ on such assessed value," and to insert therefor "and any rate imposed may exceed 1s in the £." He said that would allow reasonable latitude to councils in casting the rates.

Mr. A. H. GRIFFITH said it might frighten timid investors. He recommended to the Colonial Secretary to adopt the New Zealand provision as follows:—"Provided that rates made and levied on the unimproved value shall be so adjusted as to equal as nearly as possible, but not exceed in their producing capacity, the maximum rates on the annual value provided in the principal Act."

Mr. WADDELL said that Mr. Griffith's suggestion would destroy the system of taxation on unimproved land values, which had been adopted.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY moved the omission of all the words after "rate" in line 30, the effect being to strike out the proposal that no assessment on unimproved value should be rated more than 3s 4d in the £. In lieu thereof he proposed the insertion after "no rate" of the following, "shall be a greater rate than one which will produce such a total revenue as would be provided by a rate of 1s 6d imposed on the basis of an average rateable capital value as proposed in clause 30."

The committee divided on the question that the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the clause. Ayes 16, noes 39. Majority against the question 23.

The amendment was agreed to, and the clause as amended was adopted.

Clause 37, "Lighting rates may be levied whether the property is or is not benefited by the works."

Mr. THOMAS moved the omission of the second paragraph of the clause, which provided that municipalities should be enabled to strike rates which need not necessarily be uniform throughout the municipality.

Mr. J. H. YOUNG said there was no doubt some persons received more benefit from the lighting than others, but according to the clause it was left optional for a municipality to tax one person and not another, which was objectionable.

Mr. A. H. GRIFFITH said the object of the clause was that municipalities should be able to declare certain zones throughout the districts under their control, and the clause only gave them power to reduce the rates for zones which only received limited advantages from the lighting.

Mr. KIDD said the clause was a good one in the interests of scattered municipalities. But he thought it should be compulsory upon the municipalities to take into consideration the cases of places that would receive no advantage from the lighting, so that those persons who received no benefit should pay no rates, and others receiving a small benefit should be distinguished from those who obtained the full advantage of the expense of lighting.

Mr. GORMLY said the omission of the paragraph would prove unfair to many persons, as there were residents living on the outskirts of municipalities who would receive no advantage from the striking of the rate.

Mr. BRUNKER said he was very pleased to see the paragraph in the bill. It had been required for many years, and the proposal was in all respects a fair one. It would be received with a great deal of satisfaction throughout the country districts.

Mr. TERRY said he could not see how any of the inhabitants of a municipality could claim that they received no benefit from a lighting rate. But the zone system should be adopted and included in the measure.

Mr. AFFLECK said that cases had occurred where men had been summoned to court and compelled to pay lighting rates, although they received no benefit whatever.

Mr. DACEY said the lights were intended to protect the public from risk of accident when they were travelling along the streets or roads of the municipalities, and he thought the people of the municipality should bear their fair proportion of the cost of local government.

Mr. STOREY said it would be very unfair to insist upon the owners of land who had not erected houses upon it contributing as much to the lighting rate as the man whose land was situated in a densely populated thoroughfare, hence the Minister would do right by adhering to the clause as it stood.

Mr. MAHONY said that in his opinion the clause was a fair compromise between the existing state of things and the drastic change some people advocated.

Mr. T. H. GRIFFITH said he hoped the clause would be retained as it stood, because it provided for the imposition of a special rate to deal with special circumstances which would be taken into consideration when municipalities exercised their discretionary power in regard to what rate a property should bear by reason of the benefit it derived from street lamps. (Hear, hear.)

The COLONIAL SECRETARY said he thought the clause as it stood was a most equitable one. It did seem unfair to compel a man who derived no benefit from a light to pay as high a rate as the man whose property derived a direct benefit from the light. He thought it would be well to leave it to the discretion of the municipalities to say how much a man should pay by reason of the benefit his property derived from a light. (Hear, hear.)

The committee divided on the question that the words proposed to be left out stand part of the clause. The amendment was rejected by 50 to 7 votes. Those who voted to strike out the words were Messrs. Holman, Dacey, J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Thomas, J. H. Young, M'Gowen, J. Thomson.

The clause was agreed to.

Clause 38, "Amendment of section 148 of the principal Act."

Mr. COHEN said the proposal was to strike out a section of the principal Act which gave power to a municipality to amend a rate if it found that it had under or over rated a ratepayer. That power of amendment should be retained, therefore he urged that the section be retained.

The committee decided on the question that section 148 of the principal Act be repealed, with the following result:—Ayes, 35; noes, 18.

Clause 39 "appeals to be heard at council chambers," was agreed to.

On clause 40 "interest on overdue rates,"

Mr. BRUNKER moved that the interest charged be four per cent. instead of five.

Mr. A. H. GRIFFITH said he would like to see five per cent. adhered to as the interest mentioned in the clause was intended as a fine.

The amendment was agreed to, also a consequential amendment.

Mr. COHEN moved the omission of subsection 4, repealing section 154 of the principal Act.

The amendment was negatived.

On clause "overdue rates to be a charge on property, and be recoverable from owner at any time,"

Mr. COHEN said there was now a limitation on the time within which rates could be recovered. He objected to retrospective legislation which would abolish the limitation he had mentioned.

Mr. A. H. GRIFFITH said the municipalities were largely in debt, because people had not paid up their rates. He thought it was time now some persons were made to pay up.

Mr. MEAGHER said the municipalities which had lost rates largely had mainly lost them through the nefarious practices and laches of the councils' servants whereby they were not recoverable. The bill was providing a short cut to enforce payment of back rates by innocent persons who were transferees of property on which back rates were owing, but believed to be irrecoverable. He hoped the clause would not be passed, as from that standpoint it was a more than usually objectionable one.

Mr. D. O'CONNOR said the clause was one of the most important in the bill, and should be retained on the ground that when a man sought to purchase a property it would compel him to see that the rates upon it had been paid.

Mr. REID said that this apparently innocent-looking clause contained a series of iniquitous proposals. The effect of it would be to open up a power of recovering rates upon new principles of law, and would be retrospective to 1867, when the first Municipalities Act was passed. They had repealed the section of the Act of 1892 which made rates a charge on property, and the effect was that they now declared that the rates which had been illegally struck for 20 years were legally struck and could be recovered, together with 4 per cent. interest upon the unpaid rates. That was an iniquitous proposal, and should not be countenanced. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. MAHONY said the clause was one of the worst in the bill.

Mr. TERRY said the clause would do a gross injustice to a great many property owners, who might be made responsible for unpaid rates.

Mr. WILKS said that if the clause were expunged and in its place power given to the council clerk, as an executive authority, to recover overdue rates, it would be a step in the right direction.

Mr. QUINN said he regarded the bill as hopeless, and regretted that at that late stage in the session the Government should have wasted time over it that might have been spent to more advantage in passing the Old Age Pensions Bill. (Hear hear.) He hoped the Government would drop the clause under discussion, if not the whole bill.

Mr. BRUNKER said retrospective legislation was regarded as at all times dangerous, but he did not think he had ever seen so dangerous and unjust a clause as the 41st in this measure submitted to the Legislative Assembly. He pointed out that it removed all the powers that had been previously given for the protection of innocent persons. It was the imperative duty of the committee to reject it.

Mr. JESSEP said the clause would seriously affect a number of large properties, and it would be impossible to calculate the difficulties that would arise if its provision were made retrospective.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY said that many of the provisions of this measure, including this one, had been recommended to him by the Municipal Association, and he was assured that such an association would not do so unless its members had good reason for it. But how many cases would this clause meet? He was informed that in connection with the land tax administration there were very few cases, by comparison, that were in arrears in the way that the clause under consideration contemplated. If the omission of sub-section C, having reference to the overriding of the Statute of Limitations, would satisfy the committee he would consent to it, but he believed the elimination of the entire clause would cause a great deal of injustice, for without such a provision a municipality would be unable to recover overdue rates. He would withdraw sub-section C, which provided that overdue rates be made a charge on property, notwithstanding any Statute of Limitations.

Sub-section C was omitted on the voices.

The committee divided on the question that the clause as amended be adopted. Ayes 15, noes 44, majority against the clause 29. The noes were:—Messrs. Wood, Perry, See, O'Sullivan, Hassall, Fegan, J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Affleck, Anderson, Dacey, Nelson, Hurley, D. Davis, F. Clarke, and Carroll.

The clause was then struck out.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY moved the omission of clause 42, "Rates due at commencement of 55 Vic. No. 33 may be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction."

The motion was agreed to.

Clause 43, "Title of land," was adopted.

On clause 44, "Recovery of rates due by unknown owners,"

Mr. J. C. L. FITZPATRICK moved an amendment in line 27, giving the councils right to sell property to recover rates.

Mr. MEAGHER said they could safeguard the interests of municipalities without adopting such a drastic proposal.

The committee divided on the question that the words proposed to be inserted be so inserted, and it was rejected by 48 to 7 votes. Those who voted for the amendment were Messrs. J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Holman, Dacey, Mahony, Nobbs, H. Ross, and Terry.

Mr. A. H. GRIFFITH said it was absurd to limit the lease of a vacant piece of land, the owner of which could not be found, to seven years, and he moved that "seven" be struck out and "twenty-one" inserted. No man would erect a decent kind of building on land of which a lease of only seven years could be obtained.

Mr. MEAGHER said he would support the amendment. If a man leased a piece of land, and got a lease of only seven years, the owner might lie low whilst the building was being erected, and at the seven years he could come forward and claim the buildings. A longer lease would enable the lessee to benefit by the money he had expended.

Mr. MOLESWORTH said he strongly objected to the owner of a piece of land being deprived of his property for 21 years.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY said the word "seven" was put in merely as a basis, and was not intended as the term that should be adopted. It was the fault of an owner of property if he remained out of sight and allowed it to be leased. Members must bear in mind that, with a long lease, a better class of building would be erected, and larger rentals obtained than if a short lease were given.

Mr. MOORE said that a term of 14 years would be sufficient.

Mr. A. H. GRIFFITH said that if a man had a lease of a piece of land for 21 years it was some encouragement to him to erect decent premises upon it.

Mr. REID said the proposal meant testing the question whether the land was practically to pass out of the control of the owner, and become the subject of building speculations.

The proposed amendment was on division negatived by 48 votes to nine.

The members voting for the amendment were:—Messrs. Holman, Thomas, J. C. L. Fitzpatrick, Nobbs, J. Thomson, T. Brown, A. H. Griffith, H. Ross, and M'Mahon.

The clause as amended was then agreed to on the voices.

Clause 45, "Notice of disposal of property."

Mr. MOLESWORTH said the clause would be ultra vires if the owner of the property was absent from the colony.

The clause was amended so as to render it unnecessary for a person who leased a ratable property to give to the municipality the name of the person to whom the property was leased.

Progress was reported.

THE EARLY CLOSING ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

A message was received from the Legislative Council forwarding the Early Closing Act Amendment Bill with amendments.

MONEY LENDERS AND INFANTS' LOAN BILL.

The Money Lenders Bill was received from the Legislative Council.

Mr. HAWTHORNE moved,—"That the bill be read the first time."

The motion was agreed to.

SUPREME COURT PROCEDURE BILL.

The PREMIER moved that this bill be returned to the Legislative Council with a message stating that the Legislative Assembly disagreed with certain amendments made in it.

The motion was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House at 11.25 p.m. adjourned to 10.30 a.m. on the following day.

AMUSEMENTS.

HER MAJESTY'S.—"ELIZABETH."

Miss Nance O'Neil reappeared at Her Majesty's Theatre last night in one of her finest impersonations as "Elizabeth, Queen of England." With all its faults, its concentration of interest in the one central character, and its extraordinary distortions of what should be historical fact, Paolo Giacometti's drama is a remarkably clever piece. The Italian author contrives to show the great queen who ruled England wisely and well for four-and-forty years in the mirror of popular tradition. That Elizabeth was exactly as described in this stage romance no one would dare to assert; few would deny, on the other hand, that the theatrical character embodies with surprising force one's youthful conception of the vain, imperious, jealous, and patriotic Queen. In the dry process of "cramming" English history at school every pupil greedily seizes on the "plums" that come in his way—the little personal anecdotes, the wise or witty sayings, the stirring deeds which move the heart. Giacometti brings nearly all that one can remember of Elizabeth into his drama. As if under the direct inspiration of a heroine who came into being long after his death, the author "does it beautifully"—that is to say, with lamentable inaccuracy, but with the fortunate effect of making it all sound very true and natural, and everything but historical. Miss Nance O'Neil, as already noted, makes the most of a great opportunity as the haughty "heiress presumptive of the ocean." Magnificently arrayed in the regal velvets and brocaded silks of the period, loaded with costly gems, and with the royal crown above the rich red hair, the American actress looks the part admirably. When Elizabeth swears "by the soul of Tully we soon brushed up our Latin," or tempestuously commits her hapless secretary to the tower, Miss O'Neil shows forcibly the imperious woman, terrible in her wrath, and in other respects sustains the various aspects of a character in which jealousy and rage predominate. Mr. John Gordon's fine tableau of the throne room was again admired last night, and here Mr. Thomas Kingston as the chivalrous Earl of Essex once more won the audience with his passionate indictment of the unjust monarch. Mr. Joseph Carne proved a patrician-looking Cecil, Lord Burleigh, and gave more life to the thankless part than his predecessor; Mr. Barton Hill, on the other hand, gave greater significance to the part of Mendoza, so that the cast gained in every way.

On Saturday "Magda" will be staged, with Miss O'Neil in the name-part and Mr. M'Kee Rankin as Colonel Schwartze. There will be a holiday matinee of "Hedda Gabler" on Monday.

NORTH SYDNEY ORPHANS.

The monthly "wail" of the North Sydney Orphans was held on Monday evening last at the North Sydney School of Arts. There was a large attendance of members, and great interest was manifested in the evening's entertainment. The club orchestra, under the baton of Mr. J. Scoon, gave several selections, which were cordially received. Vocal items were contributed by Messrs. Percy Bates, Standtgen, and Davidson; humorous songs by Mr. E. W. A. Kendall; violin solo by Mr. Hermes; bassoon solo by Mr. Leatherby; and musical sketches by Mr. Robert Young. A scene from "The Rivals" was artistically given by Mr. William Holman. Mr. J. Edward Sykes acted as accompanist. The evening was an enjoyable one, and the excellent standard attained by the club was maintained.

HÆPATIC CONGESTION.

"STRENGTH AND HAPPINESS AGAIN MINE."

THE CASE OF MRS. E. GRAY.

(By a Reporter.)

Recently a special was sent to No. 15 Catherine-street, Balmain, to see Mrs. Elizabeth Gray, to whom he explained that his mission was to obtain the verification or otherwise of certain statements which had recently been made.

"I will readily admit all that is true, but any refutable remarks shall be treated accordingly," was the rejoinder.

"Is it a fact that you have been a great sufferer?"

"It is, indeed. For several months I was ill with what I was told was congestion of the liver, attended with very distressing complications. I first noticed myself losing energy when there was any work to be done. Instead of commencing to do my housework when my morning meal was finished, as I was accustomed to, I used to sit and mope about for hours, being unable to make a start. The days dragged wearily along, and there seemed nothing pleasant in the world for me to look forward to. I felt so low-spirited and depressed that I sometimes wondered what I was living for. Ambition to participate in the luxuries and pleasantries of life deserted me, and I seemed to have no definite object in view to engross my attention from day to day. My existence at that time was like a blank page in my history—no sunshine or happiness to relieve the monotony of my sufferings."

"Were they very severe?"

"Extremely so, after a while. Later on I was aroused from my feelings of abandonment by the visitation of dreadful pains in the stomach and in the middle of my back, with a nauseous taste in the mouth and offensive breath. There was extreme agony on numerous occasions in my right side, under the ribs, and my poor head was always aching violently. I used to frequently expectorate a sour phlegm from the throat, besides a disagreeable flow of bile from my stomach. Flatulence was another trouble, the formation of so much wind causing great torture. As time went on these attacks became more severe. Whatever I ate lay in a heavy, immovable lump on my chest. The sensation was decidedly oppressive, and interfered considerably with my sleep, during which I had all kinds of unearthly dreams, from which I generally awoke with a sudden start, and then I had to lay awake till morning. A most awkward giddiness seized me on rising to my feet, and many a time I had great difficulty in saving myself from falling. The food I took did not succeed in nourishing my body, as evidenced by my thinness. I had a pale, unhealthy complexion, and my friends were constantly remarking, 'How dreadfully ill you look.'"

"Were you very weak?"

"My strength gave way all at once. I had bad turns of biliousness, the attacks continuing for long periods, and becoming more frequent and distressing as time went on. The retching fits which marked these turns gave me so much painful exertion that I was quite powerless to stand for a long time afterwards, and before I even partly recovered I lay for hours in a dazed state of prostration. My internal organs were in a disordered condition, the whole of my system was completely run down, and I became a total wreck. In the natural course of events I consulted a doctor, who prescribed physic for me, and I took his medicine as regularly as the clock worked round to the appointed time. You must know that at this time I could not eat a morsel of food."

"Did the doctor's medicines give you an appetite?"

"No, they did not; neither did they ease my sufferings. My recovery came about through another source, when I was so bad that I despaired of ever being a healthy woman again. A lady friend was consoling me in my home one day, and begged me not to give up hope till I had given Clements Tonic a trial. She told me that if I would take it for a few weeks there was yet a chance, and a good one, too. I consented, and bless the day I did. I commenced on Clements Tonic at once despairingly, yet hopefully."

"Did you observe any improvement?"

"Yes; the very first day I was easier. I persevered, and my headaches and pains vanished. Appetite was regained; sleep also. Strength and happiness again were mine after six bottles of Clements Tonic, which effectually cured me, my health being perfect."

"Shall I publish this interview?"

"Decidedly you may—as much and in any way you desire."

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

I, Elizabeth Gray, of 15 Catherine-street, Balmain, Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have carefully read the annexed document, consisting of two folios, and consecutively numbered from one to two, and that it contains and is a true and faithful account of my illness and Cure by Clements Tonic, and also contains my full permission to publish in any way my statements—which I give voluntarily, without receiving any payment; and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act made and passed in the ninth year of the reign of her present Majesty, intituled "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in the various Departments of the Government of New South Wales, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits."

Elizabeth Gray

Declared at Balmain, this 28th day of September one thousand nine hundred, before me,
S. N. HOGG, J.P.

BEWARE OF COUNTERFEITS.

Some imitate our name. Some copy our label. And some plagiarise our advertisements. In fact, we are followed in everything but in the curative properties and therapeutic value of Clements Tonic. It is palpable enough for a dunce to see through, and needs but little comment from us. Every genuine article has to face such practices. A host of base imitations always follows in the wake of every genuine article.—Advt.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—November 7.

Warrego, s., 1551 tons, Captain George King, from Cairns and Queensland ports. Passengers—Mesdames Dods, Spurge, Bruce, M'Dougall, Heubens, Misses Gillespie and Sayce, Messrs. Dods, Porter, H. C. Smact, L. Andrews, A. Falk, S. A. Bennett, Myerson, D. Donovan, M. Berry, S. J. Bullock, J. Rabton, J. Ovendale, Harris, W. Wood, and steerage. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Pilbarra, s., 2664 tons, Captain James Banks, from Fremantle, via ports. Passengers—Mrs. Geyer and child, Mrs. Fry, Misses Brown, Saint, Prewitt, M. Mackay, D. Mackay, and Hamilton, Messrs. B. Ackland, James Barrie, E. Rees, S. Farthing, Masters A. and L. Prewitt, and Mr. and Mrs. Whelan, and 20 in the steerage. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Oonah, s., 1767 tons, Captain J. Gibb, from Hobart. Passengers—Misses Clyde, Ryan, M. Hebden, M'Anally, Mesdames Dwyer and 2 children, Solomon, J. Scott and child, Paton, A. Bryant, Messrs. Solomon, Pretyman, Walker, Most, P. Pitt, G. S. Armitage, S. Bonamy, J. Paton, Barnes, H. Aldridge, and 10 in the steerage. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Baltasan, s., 3278 tons, Captain Vincent, from Port Pirie. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Namoi, s., 1414 tons, Captain R. J. Skinner, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Lubra, s., 466 tons, Captain Neilson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Nestor, s., 3767 tons, Captain Asquith, from Port Pirie. Gilchrist, Watt, and Sanderson, Limited, agents.

DEPARTURES.—November 7.

Blythswood, ship, for West Coast of South America, via Newcastle.

Florence Pile, s., for Java, via Newcastle.

Coolgardie, s., for Melbourne, Adelaide, and Western Australia.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—November 8.

Machaon, s., for London, Hull, and Continent, via ports; Indraghiri, s., for London, via ports; Ringamite, s., for Auckland and other New Zealand ports; Newcastle Company's steamer, for Newcastle; Euroka, s., for Nambucca River; Macleay, s., for Richmond River.

CLEARANCES.—November 7.

Coolgardie, s., 2542 tons, Captain C. Nightingall, for Melbourne, Adelaide, Albany, and Fremantle. Passengers—Mrs. Burgess and 2 infants, Mrs. Angool and 3 children, Mrs. James Gorman, Mrs. Langton, Mrs. B. H. Swinburne, Mrs. J. Meynell, Mrs. G. Hayward, Mrs. M'Dowell, Nurse E. Newnham, Miss R. M. Howrath, Miss A. Fletcher, Miss Meynell, Miss Dora Meynell, Miss Hayward, Mr. A. Goodhart, Mr. S. W. Ball, Mr. D. Burgess, Mr. C. Secombe, Mr. Hayward, also 35 in the steerage.

Blythswood, ship, 1403 tons, B. Dixon, for the West Coast of South America, via Newcastle, in ballast.

Florence Pile, s., 3358 tons, Captain Reed, for Java, via Newcastle.

COASTERS OUTWARD.—November 7.

Ann, cutter, for Hawkesbury River; Tamar, s., for Newcastle; Western Star, brigantine, for Richmond River.

IMPORTS.—November 7.

(A special charge is made for consignees' notices in this column).

Oonah, s., from Hobart: 1582 cases fruit, 65 cases pulp, 1 horse, 156 cases jam, 76 cases desserts, 25 casks ale, 125 bags bark, 11 bales hops, 74 bundles willows, 312 bags ore, 34,400ft. timber, and a quantity of sundries.

Warrego, s., from Queensland ports: 14,712 bunches and 511 cases bananas, 1446 cases pines, 1756 sacks sugar, 80 cases cucumbers, 5 bags oysters.

Coolgardie, s., from Melbourne: 3000 bricks, 13 flagstones, 12½ bags bottles, 28 packages machinery, 10 cases iron, 358 rails, 150 packages hardware, 180 bags salt, 89 bags almonds, 1120 barrels cordage, 100 packages merchandise, and sundries.

Baltasan, s., from Port Pirie: 8449 bars lead, 846 tons and 3800 bags concentrates, 7 strippers, and sundries.

Custom-house.—Entered Outwards: November 7, Australian, s., for Manila, Hongkong, and Japan, via ports; Afrikander, s., for London, Dunkirk, and Newcastle-on-Tyne; Moana, s., for Melbourne, via Newcastle; Warrego, s., for Melbourne; Oonah, s., for Hobart; Pilbarra, s., for Fremantle, via ports; Baltasan, s., for Port Pirie, via Newcastle; Hayda Brown, barque, for Honolulu, via Newcastle.

THE MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Ormuz, from London October 12, left Colombo November 5 at 10 a.m. for Fremantle.

THE WHITE STAR LINE.

The Afric left Liverpool on September 22, Capetown October 14, Albany October 30, Adelaide November 6, is due at Melbourne, and will arrive at Sydney November 14.

The Medic left Sydney on October 9, Melbourne October 17, is due at Capetown November 7, and London November 29.

The Persic left Sydney on September 7, Melbourne the 14th, Capetown the 12th instant, and is due at London.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

Messrs. Nelson and Robertson have been advised that the barque Mary Moore arrived at Wellington on Monday from Newcastle, after a passage of nine days.

The barque Manerewa left Wellington on the 25th ultimo for Kaipara, to load timber for Adelaide.

The barque Onyx arrived at Kaipara on the 26th ultimo from Port Chalmers to load timber for Melbourne.

The barque Antares sailed from Port Chalmers on the 29th ultimo for Auckland with part original cargo from Hamburg.

The barquentine Peiotas arrived at Wellington on Monday, after a passage of nine days from Port Stephens.

The ship Macduff left Lyttelton on the 5th instant for the Channel with a cargo of grain.

The barque Loch Trool left Port Chalmers on the 27th ultimo for Wellington with part of original cargo from Glasgow.

The barque John o' Gaunt, which sailed from Lyttelton on the 24th ultimo for the United Kingdom, shipped 5698 sacks of oats at Dunedin and 11,438 sacks of wheat at Lyttelton.

The Auckland-owned ship Republic it is said has accomplished a passage of 18 days from Honolulu to British Columbia.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

BRISBANE.—Arrivals: November 6, Quiraing, s., from Burketown. November 7, Tyrian, s., from Townsville; Warrimoo, R.M.S., from Sydney; Pass of Leny, barque, from Hamburg; Mareeba, s., from Rockhampton. Departures: November 7, Lady Lamington, s., for Bundaberg; Tyrian, s., for Melbourne; Mareeba, s., for Sydney.

MARYBOROUGH.—Arrivals: November 7, Eurimbla, s., Julia Percy, s., from Brisbane. Departure: November 7, Konoowarra, s., for Brisbane.

BUNDABERG.—Arrival: November 7, Gassla, s., from Rockhampton.

GLADSTONE.—Departure: November 7, Barcoo, s., for Brisbane.

ROCKHAMPTON.—Arrival: November 7, Dawn, s., from Brisbane.

TOWNSVILLE.—Departure: November 7, Albany, s., for Cairns.

COOKTOWN.—Passed: November 7, Obra, s., bound north.

YAMBA.—Departure: November 7, Kallatina, s., for Sydney. Passed: November 7, St. George, s., north.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: November 7, Arawatta, s., at 2.20 p.m., west; Taiyuan at 3.20 p.m., north.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: November 7, Kirkloe, s., from China and Japan; Tagliafero, s., from Melbourne; Pretoria, s., from Cape Hawke; Newcastle, s., Sydney, s., Coraki, s., Excelsior, s., Barrier, s., Waitara, s., Burrumbeet, s., Countess of Errol, Hally Bayley, schooners, from Sydney. Departures: November 7, E. J. Spicer, ship, for Panama, with 1905 tons West Wallsend coal; Paris, schooner, for Cape Hawke; Excelsior, s., for Byron Bay; Comboyne, s., for the Manning River; Duncarn, s., for Calcutta, via Sydney, with 1000 tons coal; Kiamang, s., for Samarai, with 1800 tons coal; Sydney, s., Newcastle, s., for Sydney.

MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: November 7, Patsena, s., from Launceston; Earl of Dunmore, four-masted barque, from New York. Departures: November 7, Leura, s., and Cintra, s., for Sydney; Monowai, s., for New Zealand, via Hobart; Wollowra, s., for Western Australia; Gulf of Siam, s., for Sydney; Catharina, barque, for Capetown.

ADELAIDE.—Arrival: November 7, Magda, Norwegian barque, from Copenhagen.

PORT DARWIN.—Arrival: November 7, Guthrie, s., from Hongkong. Departure: November 7, Guthrie, s., for southern ports.

ALBANY.—Arrival: November 7, Warrigal, s., from London. Departures: November 6, Armand Behic, s., for Colombo; City of Lincoln, s., for Capetown.

FREMANTLE.—Departure: November 6, India, R.M.S., for Adelaide.

(From the board at the Telegraph Office.)

TWEED HEADS.—Departure: November 7, Wollumbin, s., at 8.30 a.m.

RICHMOND HEADS.—Arrival: November 7, St. George, 7 p.m. Departure: November 7, Tomki, s., at 7.50 a.m. Twelve feet on bar, 12ft. inside channel. Passed: A fore-and-aft schooner, at 3 p.m., Wollumbin, at 5.40 p.m., south.

CLARENCE HEADS.—November 7, 13ft. in east channel and 15ft. 6in. in southern channel. Departure: November 7, Kallatina, s., at 12.20 p.m. Passed: November 7, St. George, s., at 2.30 p.m., north.

WOOLGOOLGA.—Passed: November 7, St. George, s., at 9.30 a.m., north; Kallatina, at 4.40 p.m., Tomki, at 6.5 p.m., south.

BELLINGER HEADS.—Arrival: November 7, Rosedale, s., at 7 a.m.

NAMBUCCA HEADS.—Departure: November 7, Euroka, s., at 6 a.m., for Macleay.

MACLEAY HEADS.—Departure: Burrawong, at 6.15 p.m.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Departure: November 5, Rosedale at 8 p.m., for Bellinger River.

TACKING POINT.—Passed: November 7, Wodonga, s., at 8 a.m., north; Australian, s., at 1 p.m., north; Nambucca, s., at 4 p.m., north.

CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS.—November 7, Kincumber, barbound. Arrival: Wootton, s., at 12.40 p.m. Departure: November 7, Wootton at 7 p.m., for Sydney.

CROWDY HEADS.—Passed: November 7, City of Grafton, s., at 10 a.m., north; A.U.S.N. steamer at 3.30 p.m., north; steamer flying PKNG at 4 p.m., north.

CAPE HAWKE.—Arrival: November 7, Kingsley at 10 a.m.

SEAL ROCKS.—Passed: November 7, Omipenta, s., at 12.10 p.m., north; Excelsior, s., at 5.50 p.m., north.

PORT STEPHENS.—Arrival: November 7, Sophia Ann, s., at 8.40 a.m. Passed: November 7, Willinga, schooner, at 9.10 a.m., north; Trilby, s., at 12.20 p.m., south; Macleay, s., at 1.30 p.m., south; British-India liner at 9.10 a.m., north; Excelsior, s., at 3 p.m., north.

CATHERINE HILL BAY.—Departure: November 7, Kelloe, s., during night.

LAKE MACQUARIE.—Arrival: November 7, Phil Forbes, ketch, at 6.20 a.m.

BARRANJOEY.—Arrivals: November 7, Hawkesbury, s., at 8.30 a.m.; Narara, s., at 9 a.m. Departure: November 7, Theresa, ketch, at 1 p.m.

BELLAMBI.—Arrival: November 7, Werfa, s., at 7 a.m.

WOLLONGONG.—Arrival: November 7, Illawarra, s., at 5 a.m. Departures: November 7, Captain Cook, s., at 6 a.m.; Clara Ethel, ketch, at 6.30 a.m.

KIAMA.—Arrival: November 7, Resolute, s., at 4.30 p.m. Departure: November 7, Illawarra, s., at 1.30 p.m., for Shoalhaven.

JERVIS BAY.—Passed: November 6, Pilbarra, at 1.45 p.m., Oonah at 2.10 p.m., St. Mary at 2.45 p.m., all north.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS.—Arrivals: November 7, Illawarra at 4 p.m.; Coomonderry at 4 p.m.

JERVIS BAY.—Passed: November 7, Pilbarra, s., at 1.45 p.m., Oonah, s., at 2.10 p.m., St. Mary, s., at 2.45 p.m., all north.

BERMAGUI.—Departure: November 7, Eden, s., at 4.40 p.m., for Sydney.

MORUYA.—Passed: November 7, St. Mary, s., at 9.20 a.m., north.

EDEN.—Departures: November 6, Tambo, for Hobart, at midnight. November 7, Eden, s., at 8 a.m., for Sydney.

GREEN CAPE.—Passed: November 7, Arawatta, s., at 12.25 p.m., south.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: November 7, Tambo, s., at 1.35 a.m., south; Arawatta, s., at 2.20 p.m., west; Taiyuan, s., at 3.20 p.m., north.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Inward: November 7, Slaeuns, at 4.10 p.m., signalled spoke Benicia in Bass's Strait bound to Sydney "all well."

PORT PIRIE.—Arrivals: November 6, Inverneil, barque, from Sunderland; Concordia, barque, from Adelaide.

ALBANY (W.A.).—Departures: November 7, City of Lincoln, s., at 3.30 a.m., for Capetown; Willyama, s., at 7 a.m., for Fremantle.

PORT DARWIN.—Departure: November 6, Guthrie, at 6 p.m., for Sydney.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

Sailed from Auckland: French warship Protet, for Tahiti.

Arrived at Bluff: Mokoia, s.

(For continuation of Shipping Intelligence see page 6.)

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Wednesday.

Average rainfall for 41 years, 49·680.
Average for 42 years, January 1 to October 31, 44·274.
Rainfall from January 1, 1900, to November 7, 56·798.
Temperature.—Maximum, 64·8; minimum, 56·8.
Humidity.—9 a.m., 65; 3 p.m., 63.

STATE OF BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 29·98; Perth, 30·08; Eucla, 29·82; Streaky Bay, 29·99; Adelaide, 30·00; Robe, 30·04; Portland, 30·08; Melbourne, 30·10; Wilson's Promontory, 30·22; Gabo Island, 30·23; Cape St. George, 30·24; Sydney, 30·27; Newcastle, 30·27; Port Macquarie, 30·21; Clarence Heads, 30·13; Brisbane, 30·05; Rockhampton, 30·00; Mackay, 29·97; Cooktown, 29·97.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Cloudy to showery on the coast and parts of the highlands; fine and clear inland.

New Caledonia.—Fine but cloudy at Gomen; fine and clear at Noumea.

Western Australia.—Fine generally, with scattered clouds.

South Australia.—Fine and clear, or light scattered clouds.

Victoria and Straits.—Generally fine; cloudy on parts of the coast.

Tasmania.—Generally fine.

Queensland.—Cloudy along the seaboard.

Northern Australia.—Fine and warm.

New Zealand.—Cloudy in central and southern districts; fine in the north.

RAINFALL IN 24 HOURS PRECEDING 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Molong 2 points, Wellington 24, Tabulam 25, Casino 6, Lismore 15, Clarence 22, Woolgoolga 22, Port Macquarie 20, Camden Haven 28, Manning 2, Taree 13, Seal Rocks 48, Port Stephens 5, Newcastle 18, Sydney 11, Wollongong 26, Kiama 24, Crookhaven 11, Jervis Bay 30, Ulladulla 11, Bateman's Bay 25, Moruya 25, Bodalla 54, Cooma 13, Nimitybell 10, Bombala 15, Mount Victoria 5, Blackheath 13, Katoomba 9, Springwood 37, Parramatta 46, Picton 11, Moss Vale 3.

REPORTS AT 9 A.M.

Raining on the coast between Port Stephens and Tweed Heads.

RIVER REPORTS, 9 A.M.

Albury, 4ft. 8in., falling; Balranald, 15ft. 10in.; Bingera, low; Bourke, 9in., falling; Brewarrina, 5ft. 7in., falling; Booligal, 8ft. 5in., falling; Condobolin, 2ft. 2in.; Deniliquin, 8ft. 4in.; Dubbo, 2ft. 9in.; Euabalong, 4ft. 1in., falling; Euston, 24ft. 6in.; Goodooga, low; Gundagai, 5ft., falling; Hay, 5ft. 9in.; Hillston, 6ft. 2in., falling; Louth, 3ft. 6in., falling; Menilla, low; Menindie, 8ft. 3in.; Moama, 21ft. 9in.; Moulamein, 6ft. 6in.; Mogil Mogil, low; Mungundi, 8ft.; Pooncarie, 9ft. 11in.; Tilpa, 3ft., falling; Tocumwal, 9ft., 6in.; Wagga Wagga, 4ft. 7in.; Wentworth, 18ft. 2in.; Wilcannia, 5ft. 4in., falling; Yetman, low; Barwon River, at Walgett, 5ft. 2in., falling; Namoi River, at Walgett, 3ft.

3 P.M. REPORTS.

Showery at Byron Bay, Grafton, Tweed Heads.

Gabo Island, N., squally, sea moderate; Jervis Bay, E., light, sea smooth; South Head, E.S.E., light, sea smooth; Newcastle, S.S.E., fresh, sea moderate; Woolgoolga, S.E., fresh, sea moderate; Tweed Heads, S.S.E., fresh, sea moderate.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, S.S.E., fresh, showery, sea moderate; Byron Bay, S., light, dull, sea smooth; Ballina, S.E., cloudy, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, S., light, fine, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, S.S.E., fresh, showery, sea moderate; Bellinger Heads, S.E., light, dull, sea moderate; Nambucca Heads, S.W., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Macleay Heads, S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Port Macquarie, S., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Manning Heads, S.E., fresh, fine, sea moderate; Seal Rocks, S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Port Stephens, E., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Newcastle, E.S.E., light, dull, hazy, sea slight; Lake Macquarie Heads, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Barranjoey, E.S.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; South Head, E.N.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Wollongong, N.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Kiama, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, N.E., fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, N.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Ulladulla, S., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Bateman's Bay, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Moruya, N.E., fresh, gloomy, sea moderate; Eden, N.N.E., fresh, misty, sea slight; Green Cape, N.E., moderate gale, cloudy, sea moderate; Gabo Island, N., squally, cloudy, sea moderate.

FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Fine and warm; occasional showers on the coast and north-eastern districts with some thunder; N.E. winds, veering to S. in western districts.—H. C. Russell.

South Australia.—Cool change shortly with fresh S.W. and S. winds and rather rough seas, but little or no rain.—C. Todd.

Victoria.—Generally fine and warm with light to fresh N. winds; sea slight.—P. Baracchi.

Western Australia.—Fine weather generally; cool and cloudy in the south-west and southern coastal districts, with a few showers.

MR. ANDERSON'S FORECASTS.

New South Wales.—Fine to cloudy generally, yet further rain on and near the seaboard, with some thunder. Parts of the interior may experience somewhat dry thunderstorms, very partial, however, in character.

Western Australia.—Fine with areas of cloud; some showers here and there, particularly on and near the coast.

Northern Territory and Central Australia.—Fine and generally hot soon, followed by thundershowers.

South Australia.—Chiefly fair; some thunder not unlikely, with strong winds; sea moderate.

Queensland.—Fine to cloudy and close; some electric disturbances with variable rain expected along the seaboard, also affecting parts of the south-east quadrant towards the Maranoa region; strong winds in places; sea moderate to fresh.

Victoria and Tasmania.—Fine with some cloud, but showers soon developing under strong winds; fresh seas.

New Zealand.—Stormy and wet.

New Caledonia.—Cloudy to passing showers, under strong winds.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR NOVEMBER 8.

Sun rises at 4.49, sets 6.29; Moon, 8.14 p.m., 6.18 a.m.; Mercury, 5.49 a.m., 6.13 p.m.; Venus, 3.5 a.m., 3.12 p.m.; Mars, 1.12 a.m., 11.58 a.m.; Jupiter, 6.37 a.m., 8.44 p.m.; Saturn, 7.47 a.m., 10.5 p.m.

New moon, 22nd; full moon, 7th.

High water at Fort Denison, 8.51 a.m., 9.14 p.m.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

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Richmond River.—Macleay, 2 p.m.
Samarai, British New Guinea, and Maran (Solomon Islands), via Brisbane.—Elamang, 3.45 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Pateena, 5.30 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Port Macquarie and Bellinger River.—Rosedale, 8 a.m.
Java and Singapore.—Citos, 10 a.m.
Thursday Island, Port Darwin, Manila, Hongkong, and Japan.—Taiyuan, 1 p.m.
Manning River.—Electra, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Laurieton.—Kincumber, 10 a.m.
Melbourne.—R.M.S. Ophir, 10 a.m.
Hobart and Launceston.—Oonah, 11 a.m.
Wellington, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Waikare, 11 a.m.
Thursday Island, Port Darwin, Hongkong, Manila, and Japan.—Australian, noon.
Gilbert Island.—Fernmount, noon.
Brisbane.—Leura, 1 p.m.
Richmond River.—Tomki, 2 p.m.
Macleay River.—Burrawong, 7 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kallatina, 8 p.m.
Cooktown, Thursday Island, Normanton, and Gulf Ports, via Brisbane.—Maranoa, 9.30 p.m.
*Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Coolgardie, 9.30 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Kawatiri, 9.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

Eden.—Bega, 9 a.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Coogee, 9 a.m.

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R.M.S. Ophir (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 4.30 p.m.
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Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Penguin, 7 p.m.
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Marauding Boers around Bloemfontein have compelled all British farmers and neutral Boers to take refuge in the town, which is crowded.

Hermanus Steyn has occupied and looted Vicksburg, near the Basutoland border. The British flag was subjected to indignities.

A force of 1400 Boers is reported in the neighbourhood of Ladybrand.

Captain Robertson, of the Kimberley Light Horse, held a position overlooking Koffyfontein from October 26 till last Friday, repelling the Boer attacks and protecting the women and children.

Mr. Kruger is better in general health, though his eyes are weak. Interviewed, he expressed the hope that the Boers would fight on unremittingly.

Lord Roberts reports that, while the Boers are being disheartened by the scarcity of food and ammunition, ex-President Steyn, who is doing his utmost to maintain the hopeless struggle, told Commandant Delarey's burghers that Commandant De Wet had seized Norval's Pont, that 5000 Cape Dutch had risen against the British, and that Mr. Kruger would either obtain international intervention or else sell the Transvaal to the highest bidder.

Major Saunders, of General Smith-Dorrien's rear-guard, rescued a sergeant unhorsed at the Witkop action. A lieutenant who went to the assistance of the pair was killed.

Mr. Chamberlain has informed Mr. Copeland, Agent-General for New South Wales, that a permanent cable board will shortly be appointed, and that the colonial Governments interested will be asked to nominate representatives.

A cable message states that it is expected that the training squadron cruisers will escort the Duke and Duchess of York to Australia.

The Evangelical party of the Church of England, at the instance of Sir William Harcourt, intends to prosecute three of the most extreme Ritualistic clergymen in London.

Further details of the massacres of missionaries show that the American lady missionary executed at Paoting-fu was slowly tortured. The rioters dismembered her, hands and feet first. Many similar outrages occurred.

Mr. St. John Brodrick, recently appointed Secretary of State for War, speaking at Godalming, England, promised that he would approach the question of army reform with the appreciation of an enthusiast.

It is officially announced that her Majesty the Queen has been pleased by letters patent under the Great Seal of the kingdom, dated October 29, 1900, to constitute the offices of Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia and the offices of Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of each of the federating States. The Earl of Hopetoun is appointed Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth.

President M'Kinley has again been elected as President of the United States of America. He secured a larger electoral vote than that of 1896, though he was elected by smaller popular pluralities. The polling at New York and in most of the other cities was unprecedentedly heavy.

At Denver, Colorado, the County Commissioners, who are Democrats, revoked the commissions given to 500 deputies by the sheriff, who is a Republican. Fifteen hundred policemen at Denver tried to evict the deputies. A negro Republican deputy was killed during the struggle, and three negro deputies and two policemen were wounded.

The negroes at Wilmington, Delaware, finding that in the voting the whites were given precedence, destroyed the booth and its contents. At Philadelphia a Democrat was severely stabbed.

In the same district the negroes, having been prevented from voting, fired their revolvers. A pugilist, who was acting as election judge, was wounded by a negro with the butt end of a pistol.

At a meeting yesterday of the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly, appointed to inquire into matters affecting the despatch of troops to South Africa and the administration of the military forces of the colony, Major-General French was further examined.

A list of officers of the volunteer forces, partially paid and unpaid, who are holding ranks without having passed examinations for them was put in. The list is published elsewhere.

Major-General French, in reply to questions, stated that he was in favour of the Government making army uniforms in its own factory. Federated Australia, he considered, should certainly make its own army clothing, and an ammunition factory should also be established.

In the District Court at Brisbane yesterday, before Judge Mansfield, an inquiry was continued into the circumstances connected with an alleged alteration in the report of Mr. Benjamin Dunstan, Assistant Government Geologist, as published in the prospectus of the North Chillagoe Company.

A telegram has been received in Adelaide stating that a man named Osborne has been speared by blacks on the Victorian River, Northern Territory. The report also states that the natives in that district are becoming very troublesome.

The Premier of South Australia (Mr. Holder) promised a deputation yesterday that the Government would favourably consider a proposal to construct a deep sea harbour at Beachport for the accommodation of the south-eastern district of the colony.

A man named Eymar, employed by Mr. John M'Kay, at Pigeonbah, in the Warren district, died yesterday from a fractured skull caused by his horse falling upon him.

Mr. Scott, the manager of a sluicing company at Skipper's township, Otago, New Zealand, and two miners named Tobin and Lowe were killed yesterday in a tunnel, owing to a fall of earth.

On Monday night a riot occurred at Caseyville, Indiana. Two hundred shots were exchanged, and one man was killed. One American and seven Austrians and Italians were wounded.

A column of allied troops from I-chau has been sent to occupy the passes leading to Tai-yuen-fu, to stop the provisioning of Singan-fu, where the Imperial Court of China is at present situated.

The funeral of Herr Peter Kempermann, late Imperial German Consul-General, took place yesterday at St. Thomas' Cemetery, North Sydney. Amongst those present were his Excellency Rear-Admiral Pearson, the Premier (Sir William Lyne), Captain H. S. Darley (representing his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor), representatives of Major-General French and officers of the Staff, and of the consuls and vice-consuls of foreign powers.

A deputation from the City Railway Alliance waited upon the Minister for Works (Mr. O'Sullivan) yesterday to protest against the proposal to build a railway station at Devonshire-street, and the construction of the proposed tramways down Pitt-street and Castlereagh-street.

The Minister for Works stated that the proposed tram lines, the Circular Quay railway, and the North Shore bridge would all be required. The present scheme for a city railway was a practical one, and he believed that it would be approved. He considered it the best scheme that had been submitted, and he intended to stand by it.

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works met yesterday at the Town Hall, Broken Hill, to inquire into the necessity of a second water supply for the town.

In the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia, during a discussion on the railway estimates, the Minister for Railways announced that the Government had decided to appoint a royal commission, consisting of five members, to investigate the alleged frauds on the Customs and Railway Departments.

A united temperance demonstration took place last night in the city. Members of the temperance organisations and representatives of various churches took part in a torch-light procession and a meeting was afterwards held at the Town Hall. The hall was crowded, and the Rev. F. B. Boyce (president of the New South Wales Alliance) occupied the chair. Addresses were delivered by a number of prominent clergymen and other gentlemen.

The Premier (Sir William Lyne) addressed a meeting last night at the Masonic Hall, Summer Hill, in support of the candidature of Mr. J. W. Watkin, who is contesting the Parliamentary vacancy in the Ashfield electorate.

The points in dispute between the stevedores and a number of the wharf labourers of the city are still unsettled. Arrangements have been made for a conference, between representatives of the parties, to be held to-day.

In the Mining market yesterday there was a better inquiry for Western Australian gold stocks, and coal companies were generally firmer. Business otherwise was dull.

Very little business was transacted in investment stocks on the Stock and Share market yesterday, and prices were without marked changes.

THE INAUGURAL GALA.

The Premier has divulged freely to a deputation from the Citizens' Commonwealth Celebration Committee the nature of the arrangements so far made in regard to the demonstration at the reception of the Governor-General and the proclamation of the Commonwealth. It may be said that, so far as they go, they are calculated to satisfy the public demand that Sydney should make an effort worthy of itself. There is really no reason why Sir William Lyne should have been reticent about the matter, for the arrangements are such as to reflect credit on the energy he has thrown into these preparations. If the time still at our disposal be sufficient to realise the plan as now laid down we should have such a spectacular pageant on Commonwealth Day as the mother colony will have no reason to be ashamed of. But no effort must be spared in the meantime. The cordial co-operation of the Citizens' Committee and the public in general, together with that of the other committees appointed or about to be appointed, will be required if the skeleton-plan now made public is to be adequately filled out. What has been laid down includes the probable landing-place, the route of the procession, and the place where the vice-regal oaths of office are to be pronounced. It will now be possible for the citizens to decorate their buildings, and so co-operate with the work the Government has taken in hand of decorating the line of route, erecting triumphal arches, and preparing in a fitting way the landing-place and the scene of the final official ceremony of the day. Besides this there is a week of festivity to be filled in, and the Citizens' Committee should be ready to take a large part in the arrangements to this end; always, of course, in conjunction with the official committees more directly responsible to the Government. It is gratifying to find that no friction is likely to arise on this account, while the question unwisely raised as between the Premier and the Mayor has been settled by the arrangement that the head of the Government shall receive the Governor-General on his landing in the name of the whole federation, while the Mayor and aldermen will act on behalf of the city at a point to be decided upon, perhaps where the procession passes the Town Hall.

So much having been determined, we are at liberty to consider details. The procession will be on a scale that will demand careful marshalling. The number of our troops alone has been estimated at from 12,000 to 20,000 men. The representative British contingent representing every notable division of the Imperial forces will be a distinct feature of the day, and the Highland Band which is now promised will lend an attractiveness to the proceedings that sightseers will greatly appreciate. The Premier has done well in securing these visitors, and has thereby added much to the splendour of the demonstration. But these large bodies want space to manœuvre in, and for that reason alone it was necessary that such a place should be fixed for the landing as would take this requirement into account. It is hoped that the Domain will afford all the space needed, although, as every good citizen will be glad to learn, the Botanic Gardens will be protected from the injury that would certainly be caused by the eager curiosity of large masses of people. It is thought that admission to the Domain itself will have to be restricted in order to secure space in which to marshal the demonstration. Should that be so the public will hardly complain if every fair provision is made for witnessing the ceremony of landing. Citizens will have an unrestricted view of the water pageant from all points of observation on both sides of the harbour, thousands more will be accommodated along the line of route, and the Centennial Park is so laid out as to form a natural amphitheatre capable of affording ample sight-seeing accommodation to many scores of thousands without difficulty. It is anticipated that the city will be crowded by visitors from the country and the adjacent colonies and elsewhere, and nothing can adequately be done by way of providing for the occasion which does not take the needs of this vast multitude into account. The invitations to distinguished and representative people beyond the colonies have doubtless long since been issued, and many will have noticed with satisfaction that Canada, South Africa, and the United States have not been forgotten.

From the amount of correspondence we are daily called upon to handle in connection with this subject, it is clear that public interest is largely enlisted in the approaching celebration. There is a general and overwhelming opinion that Sydney should acquit itself worthily on behalf of the whole Commonwealth. It is an opportunity that must on no account be undervalued or neglected, if we are to assert our rightful claim as the first city of Australia from the very beginning of the federation, and take that place of priority which, though the exigencies of party politics may have led us to part with it so far as Sydney's right to be the political capital is concerned, is yet ours by so many titles. The opportunity has been offered us in recognition of our indefeasible claims, and it will be our own fault if we fail to do it justice. It is not too much to say that the Government will be judged not so much on its general policy as on any failure it may evince in carrying out the will of the people in this important matter, which, after all, is only part of a much larger and, indeed, vital question in its bearing on the influence of New South Wales within the coming Commonwealth. If the question were merely one of ceremonial and celebration, we could, perhaps, afford to treat it with amused indifference. But it goes much farther than anything of that kind. Every telling incident in the inauguration ceremonial, the presence of British troops and perhaps of a British battleship—though it does not yet appear that the Premier has made the necessary application for such an adjunct to our harbour pageant—the influx of visitors, the demonstration itself, are all means to an end if rightly understood and used. It is the duty of the Government to so understand and use them, and hence it is satisfactory to find that the preparations for the federal festivities are in so forward a state.

"CENTRALISATION."

In the course of the debates on the Municipalities Amendment Bill some of the country members of the Assembly ventilated remarkable views as to the expenditure of public moneys. "All the country revenue," said one gentleman, "comes to Sydney to be exploited by the city members," and this was the burden of several speeches and interjections. The country makes the money and the city spends it. The citizen has water and gas and fairly good roads and paths, whereas the hardworking countryman has no luxuries and hardly even the necessaries of life. It hurts his soul, or the soul of his representative in Parliament, to look on at the extravagant manner in which the citizen spends on himself the money which the country supplies. It does not occur to him that whatever advantages residents in Sydney or other municipalities enjoy are paid for not by the country, but by individual ratepayers. Instead of enjoying untold benefits at the expense of the Government, citizens pay dearly for their little comforts. Special services are rendered to them, but these are paid for by special taxation. If country residents desire similar services they should obtain them in a similar way. They should form themselves into municipalities where possible, and if for some reason or another they prefer to go on in the old haphazard fashion they should not grumble at the advantages other people enjoy at their own expense. It was a principle of the Municipalities Amendment Bill as it was introduced to the Assembly that the State should have the power of creating municipalities without the initiative of the people living within the area concerned.

One of the country members described this as "introducing local government behind the backs of the people," and here he touched the mainspring of the objection to the measure. For some reason or another many country members have always been more or less opposed to local government. The local member would not, under this system, have the opportunities which he at present enjoys of being the means whereby public works are conducted and public money spent in his electorate. He may complain bitterly from his place in Parliament of the indignity of being "obliged to go, cap in hand, to the Minister to obtain for expenditure upon the roads or other public works a small part of the revenue raised in their districts," but his tone changes when he is able to inform his admiring constituents that he has secured this or that concession. Or he may prevail upon a Minister to visit his electorate and to celebrate his visit by the announcement that a bridge will be built here or a courthouse there. If the position is an undignified one for any representative of the people he and his fellows have only themselves to thank. No Minister, having regard to the responsibilities of his office, could sanction the expenditure of public money on anything but a work which reasonably demanded doing. The electorate receives no favour, therefore, but a right; and it need be under no obligations to anybody, member or Minister, who happens to be the channel through which that right was bestowed.

It is absurd to suggest, as was suggested in the debate, that nine-tenths of the revenue raised in country districts is spent in improving and beautifying the city. Residents in the country, to say nothing of their representatives in Parliament, are not so foolishly patient and long-suffering as to permit of the continuance of such a state of things as is here depicted. Pastoral simplicity is a beautiful thing in theory, but in the present days, at any rate, it does not approach such portentous dimensions. On the contrary there are, according to the testimony of another speaker in this debate, "instances in the colony where localities which ought to be incorporated refused to take the initial steps to bring about incorporation, because they preferred to extract money from the Government to paying what they ought to pay for carrying out local works." This is more in consonance with what we know of human nature than that other attitude of allowing nine-tenths of local revenue to be expended elsewhere, whilst active representatives go cap in hand to the Minister for the remaining tenth. Complaints are made again and again about the evils of "centralisation," just as if the country members' opposition to local government did not render these evils possible. Common sense and experience alike show that people in any given locality are more likely than people at a distance to know their own wants and administer their own affairs. Particular circumstances may arise which call for the intervention of the central authority, and for aid from the national purse. In such circumstances there could be no objection to some of the taxpayers' money being devoted to the furtherance of the material interests of a particular part of the community. But amongst these circumstances is certainly not to be reckoned the unwillingness of the residents in any given district to pay for local services out of local funds, and their preference that the work which benefits only themselves shall be performed at the expense of people who have enough to do in paying their own municipal taxation in addition to their fair share of the general revenue of the country. This is what "centralisation" has come to mean now. The State—which is the body of taxpayers, and not a glorified entity with a large and settled income to be devoted solely to charitable works—is asked to make this or that present to localities which are well able to supply deficiencies themselves, but which prefer to have the work done at the public expense rather than at their own. With local government special services would be rendered at the expense of the persons who will enjoy them. Under the "centralisation" system, of which country members complain so bitterly, these services are charged to the account of the general public.

MINES IN MUNICIPALITIES.

A deputation from Wyalong waited on the Premier at Parliament House on Tuesday to urge that in the Municipalities Bill now before the Assembly some new principle of taxing mines within municipal areas should be embodied. The matter in dispute is this. The Municipal Council of Wyalong has taxed the mines within its boundaries on the basis of the average rental value, including in the estimate the gold output. This taxation is resisted by the mineowners and the mining community, and the people affected have determined to appeal to Parliament for a new basis. In Mr. See's list of amendments there is a proposed new clause to replace clause 29, and the purport of this is to take, as ruling, the value of mining areas the value of adjacent land, without regard to other improvements than buildings or to minerals contained in the land. As it now stands, this clause refers to the non-precious minerals, but it is understood that Mr. See is willing to extend his new clause so as to take in those mines also. It is certainly advisable that some clearer basis of assessment should be introduced. Owing to the interpretation of the rental value as applied to mining properties, some municipal councils have been involved in lengthened and costly litigation with the mines. The case for mineowners and miners is that in their uncertain industry it is a serious matter to be saddled with additional taxation of a fixed character, such as municipal taxation, in return for which they derive little advantage. Already mineowners pay in some cases royalties and in others income tax; if the gold or other mineral output can be taken as a factor in their municipal taxation their burthens are largely increased. On behalf of the municipal authorities it is contended that they are entitled under the Act to derive revenue from mining and other industries within their limits, seeing that they have to extend roads, lighting, and other services to mining properties. But while admitting something in this argument, it is evident that to take power to tax in some degree the value of the entire mineral output of mines must handicap those mines situate within existing incorporated areas, and must check the incorporation of other areas that may include mines. Neither of these results is at all desirable. The muncipalities are bound to obey the law as they find it, but the amendment which Mr. See proposes ought to meet the case of the objectors, while leaving a revenue to the municipalities affected. After all, the concern of these bodies is with the surface of the soil and not with the contents.

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY'S RE-ELECTION.

As was generally anticipated, Mr. William M'Kinley has been elected to the Presidency of the United States for a second term. The Republic, therefore, has practically declared in favour of the expansion policy which has been forced upon it by events. As a matter of fact the Democratic objection to this policy was vitiated by the two considerations which, we may be sure, have been diligently impressed on the mind of citizens—that the United States began to expand nearly 100 years ago, and that the start in that direction was made by President Thomas Jefferson, to whom the Democrats refer as the patron saint of their party. From 1803 onward the States have again and again increased their borders, whether by conquest or by purchase, and the only difference between these expansions and that involved in the acquisition of the Philippines is that this latter is beyond sea. By the re-election of Mr. M'Kinley, Imperialism, or, as Mr. Bryan called the policy, "the colonial idea," has been endorsed by the popular vote. The United States has accepted its responsibilities as a world-empire and means to fulfil them. The decisive victory of the Republicans in the Electoral College means also the defeat of the remonetisation of silver proposal. This was never a very important issue, for many Democrats are as sound supporters of the gold standard as the Republicans are. It is none the less satisfactory, however, that the issue has been settled for the present. We are informed that the polling generally was orderly—a statement which contrasts with other items in our cable news of this morning. A negro deputy was killed in one town and five men were wounded. A pugilist who graced the position of election judge was wounded in another place by the butt-end of a revolver, whilst one party stabbed the other which replied with shots. In another State there was a riot, and 200 shots were exchanged with a fatal result. If such incidents occur in an orderly election, what would a riotous election be like? Be that as it may, Mr. M'Kinley enters upon his second term of office fortified by a larger electoral vote than that which returned him four years ago, and we doubt not that he will do good work when he enters upon his new term of office—work which will make for peace and the restoration of order in troubled places.

With the Bushmen.—The Rev. James Green, chaplain with the Bushmen, describes in our columns to-day some of the features of Pretoria. He also gives his impressions of Johannesburg. For a distance of 40 miles there are, he says, great mines all illuminated with the electric light.

The Returning Contingent.—Messrs. Houlder Brothers and Co., Limited, who are agents for the Harlech Castle at Sydney, are in receipt of a cable from London confirming the departure of the steamer from Capetown on Saturday, the 3rd instant, and stating that she will call at Albany, Adelaide, Melbourne, and Hobart, en route to Sydney.

The Early Closing Act.—The Early Closing Act Amendment Bill was finally dealt with in the Legislative Council last night and forwarded to the Legislative Assembly. It now contains, introduced at the instance of Mr. J. H. Want, M.L.C., and standing as clause 5, an amendment giving shopkeepers who carry on business without the assistance of outside labour the right to close at a later hour than that originally contemplated by the Act. The Assembly will probably deal with the matter to-day. The Premier, upon being seen last night, said that he would not consent to the amendment by the Council, neither would he ask for a free conference between the two Houses. He would drop the bill first.

Diseases in Fruit Trees.—In view of the doubts frequently expressed by a number of fruitgrowers as to the possibility of eradicating diseases from their orchards, the Minister for Agriculture thinks it will be of interest to growers to know that when the remedies are consistently applied beneficial results are constantly reported. Quite recently a case came under notice where an orchard was badly attacked with San Jose scale. On the advice of the Government Entomologist the owner regularly and carefully sprayed the trees with kerosene emulsion, and an examination made last week showed that all the old scales were dead, the trees healthy and bearing a good crop. Particulars for curing the various fruit tree pests may always be obtained on application to the Agricultural Department, and in view of the testimony frequently received as to the success of the remedies, the Entomologist states there is no excuse for any man allowing San Jose scale or other pests to get such a hold as to kill his trees, or to spread to adjoining orchards to the injury of his neighbours.

The Late Mr. A. G. Fraser.—We understand that the funeral of the late Mr. Arthur Gryffiths Fraser will take place to-day, from Quiraing, Woollahra, at 2 p.m. A special train will leave the Mortuary station, Redfern, at 3.20 p.m., for the Necropolis, Rookwood, returning to the ordinary platform at Redfern at 5.22 p.m. The remains of the deceased gentleman were conveyed to Sydney from Bowral by special train last evening.

Hall Sound Company British New Guinea.—The steamer Moresby on her last trip took timber, &c., for Hall Sound, the intention being to erect buildings and to be ready to make a start on the formation of the company. The chief Government Surveyor of New Guinea and Mr. Walter Gore, of Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co.'s Port Moresby branch, were ashore at Hall Sound, which has a swampy margin to the sea, though there is better land inland. By firing rockets and otherwise creating attention in the bay, the Moresby succeeded in getting Mr. Gore out of the scrub, and he came off to the steamer about midnight, when it was decided meanwhile to land timber, &c., on Yule Island pending the decision of the contributing colonies as to whether they will confirm the settlement which was intended, and which was being carried out under the ordinary ordinance of the British New Guinea Government.

The Racing Association Committee.—The Racing Association committee met yesterday, Mr. Watkins, M.L.A., being in the chair. Mr. S. R. Kennedy was examined at considerable length. He stated that he had had 25 years experience in connection with horse-racing, and for the last 20 years had been a member of the Australian Jockey Club. He had no special grievance against the club; but he did not think that it had given satisfaction to the proprietary clubs in its method of government, and he thought that the present constitution of the A.J.C. could be improved. The Randwick racecourse could easily be made the leading course in Australia; but as things were at present the other colonies were ahead of New South Wales, so far as racing affairs were concerned. Some of the rules or regulations of the A.J.C. were very drastic. It was, he thought, impossible for stewards who had not had actual experience of riding to say whether a horse was "stiff" or was "ridden out." The committee was judge and jury, and there was no court of appeal. He thought that the public was dissatisfied with the A.J.C., but that they would be satisfied with the tribunal it was proposed to constitute under the Racing Association Bill. The witness added that he considered the press ought to be admitted to the inquiries of the A.J.C. committee, and that jockeys brought before the committee should be allowed to have someone to speak on their behalf.

The Late Father Grogan.—The Very Rev. Vincent Grogan, the superior of the Passionists, died at St. Brigid's Retreat, Marrickville, on Wednesday morning. He was a native of Rhode, Ireland. He was born on September 22, 1837, and was educated in Carlow College. Three years after his ordination he was in the secular mission, and he then entered the Passionist novitiate at Broadway, Worcestershire, England. After his ordination he fulfilled several offices in the congregation, and after some years was elected head of the Anglo-Hibernian Province, which office he held for three terms, covering a period of nine years. At the conclusion of his third term of office he came out to Australia as Visitor-General, and so pleased was he with the prospects of the Australian mission that he determined to resign his high office in England as Provincial Consultor and come to Australia to take charge of this distant part of the province. Since his return to Australia in 1892, besides administering to the congregation in Australia, he had been an untiring missionary worker in the various colonies. His successor, Father Gregory, arrived in Sydney in January last. The cause of death was paralysis.

Funeral of the Late Mr. C. H. Russell.—The funeral of the late Mr. Charles Henry Russell (Charlie Field), a member of the Nance O'Neil Company, took place at the Waverley Cemetery yesterday afternoon. The Rev. Father O'Gorman officiated at the grave. Several beautiful wreaths were forwarded, including flowers from Miss Nance O'Neil, Mr. M'Kee Rankin, Mr. Athelwood, Mr. Overton, the united members of the O'Neil Company, Her Majesty's office staff, and Mr. J. C. Williamson. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mrs. P. Kirby and Son. Mr. Charles Russell, it will be remembered, originally came to Australia with Mrs. Bernard Beere's Company nearly nine years ago, since which time he has ably played small parts with nearly every manager of importance in the city.

Death of Miss Oliver.—The numerous friends of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Oliver will regret to hear of the untimely decease of their daughter, Miss Katharine Alice Oliver, which took place at Shelcote, North Sydney, yesterday. The funeral will take place to-morrow morning at St. Thomas' cemetery, and will be preceded by a special service, which will be held at Christ Church, George-street South, at 10 o'clock a.m.

The Hon. John See will speak in support of Mr. Watkin this evening in the Ashfield Hall. Mr. J. S. T. M'Gowen, M.L.A., will also speak in favour of Mr. Watkin at the Masonic Hall, Smith-street, Summer Hill.

Mr. Thomas Godbolt, paymaster of Imperial pensions, and officer in charge of pay of Imperial Bushmen and Naval Contingent for China, has resumed duty at the pensions office, George-street North, after a severe illness. Mr. Percy Swire, who acted as paymaster during Mr. Godbolt's absence, has returned to duty at the Treasury.

On Tuesday night a lecture on "The Horrors of War" was delivered at the Friends' Meeting House, Devonshire-street, by Mrs. J. Pottis. Mr. T. E. Cooper presided, and there was a good attendance. At the close of the lecture a manifesto, expressing abhorrence of war as a means of settling National disputes, was read and distributed for signature.

On Tuesday evening an astronomical lecture was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Roseby in the Congregational school hall, Marrickville. There was a large attendance. The lecturer dealt with the origin and composition of some of the heavenly bodies, and especially the question as to the probability of intelligent life in the planet Mars. A number of fine lantern views of the moon, star clusters, nebulae, &c., were thrown on the screen by Mr. T. W. Craven, jun.

The monthly joint committee meeting of the Boys' Brigade will be held in the brigade reading-room, 488 Kent-street, at 4.30 this afternoon.

The weekly assembly of the International Brotherhood League was held last night. Addresses were given by league members.

Robert Powell, residing at Pyrmont-street, Ultimo, was conveyed to the Sydney Hospital yesterday by the Civil Ambulance Brigade suffering from a fractured collarbone and severe injuries to the head, caused through his having fallen down the hold of the steamer Gwydir.

TREASURY BILLS DEFICIENCY BILL, 1900.

A bill was introduced into the Legislative Assembly last night and read the first time which authorised the issue of Treasury bills, to cover the deficiency debt up to June 30, 1900, and other such debts; to provide for the redemption of such bills; to make further provision for the redemption of Treasury bills issued under previous Deficiency Acts; and for purposes incidental to those objects. Power was given to the Government to raise £930,965. On December 31, 1901, and on the same day in each year thereafter until all the payments provided for have been made, the sum of £250,000 is to be paid from the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the credit of the respective accounts mentioned in the bill. Such annual sums must in the first place be paid to the credit of a special trust account in a bank doing the Government business. In addition to these annual sums, there must also be paid to the credit of the account—(a) the net proceeds of the sales, after the commencement of the Act, of the unsold portions of the land resumed under the General Post Office (Approaches Improvement) Act of 1889, directed by section 6 of that Act to be carried to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and (b) the net proceeds of the sales, after such commencement, of the unsold portions of the land referred to in the Centenary Celebration Act of 1887, directed by section 3 of that Act to be carried to the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund. The moneys at credit of such account shall be applied for the purpose of redeeming the Treasury bills issued under the authority of this bill, and when all such bills have been redeemed the account shall be closed. There is also provided a continuing appropriation to redeem bills issued under the Deficiency Act of 1889, and a continuing appropriation to redeem bills issued under Deficiency Act of 1895. The services to be provided for by the Treasury bills are mentioned in the schedule to the bill as follows:—General Post Office New Street Resumption Account (Suspense Account) 53 Vic. No. 13, £389,080 19s 7d; Centennial Park Account (Suspense Account) 51 Vic. No. 2, £228,416 17s 8d; Railway Loan Redemption Fund, 53 Vic. No. 24, £150,000; deficiency in the Consolidated Revenue to June 30, 1899, £90,260 11s 6d; balance of extraordinary expenditure on account of Military Contingent to South Africa, and in connection with the Bubonic Plague, £73,205 16s 6d. Total, £930,964 5s 3d.

THE DROUGHT IN QUEENSLAND.

SUGGESTED REMEDIAL LEGISLATION.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

A conference of grazing farmers' and selectors' associations was commenced to-day for the purpose of taking action to secure remedial legislation owing to the disastrous drought. A long discussion took place over the proposal to ask for the remission of rent for 1901. Eventually a motion embodying this was carried. The following resolution was also carried, and to it certain suggestions will be added as thought fit by the conference,—"That the Government be requested to legislate so that the present Act or Acts be amended or extra clauses embodied for the purpose of complying with the attached propositions for relief."

TO-DAY.

Ashfield Election: Mr. F. E. Winchcombe's and Mr. Watkin's Meetings.
General Gordon, L.O.L., 204: Meeting, Protestant Hall, 8 p.m.
Centenary Hall: Elocutionary and Musical, by Mr. A. R. Dimelow, 8 p.m.
Town Hall: Sydney Liedertafel Smoke Concert, 8 p.m.
Boys' Brigade: Meeting of Joint Committee, Brigade Reading-room, Kent-street, 4.30 p.m.
Churchmen's Institute: Annual Meeting and Conversazione in St. James' Hall, Phillip-street, 8 p.m.
Citizens' Vigilance Committee and Municipal Reform Association: Public Meeting, Protestant Hall, 8 p.m.
Sale of Work, St. Clement's Church, Mosman, 3 p.m.
St. Matthew's, Bondi: Sale of Work, 3 p.m.
Rosebery Park Races: First Race, 2.30 p.m.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "Queen Elizabeth," 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: Mr. Rickards's Company, 7.45 p.m.
Criterion Theatre: "Robbery Under Arms," 8 p.m.
Cyclorama and Hall of Illusions: 10 a.m. till 10 p.m.

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

THE UNITED STATES.

THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

RETURN OF PRESIDENT M'KINLEY.

POLLING HEAVIEST ON RECORD.

ELECTION DISTURBANCES.

WHITES AND NEGROES.

LONDON, Nov. 7.

The polling for the election of the Electoral College for the Presidential election of the United States took place yesterday.

The polling at New York and in most of the other cities was unprecedentedly heavy and early.

The weather was fine, and the prospects of the return of President M'Kinley were thus greatly assisted.

At Denver, Colorado, the county commissioners, who are Democrats, revoked the commissions given to 500 deputies by the sheriff, who is a Republican. Fifteen hundred policemen at Denver tried to evict the deputies. A Republican deputy, who was a negro, was killed during the struggle, and three negro deputies and two policemen were wounded.

At Wilmington, Delaware, the negroes, finding that in the voting the whites were given precedence, destroyed the booth and its contents.

A Democrat was severely stabbed at Philadelphia. The negroes in the same district having been prevented from voting fired their revolvers. A pugilist, who was acting as election judge, was wounded by a negro with the butt-end of a pistol.

On Monday night a riot occurred at Caseyville, Indiana. Two hundred shots were exchanged. One man was killed. One American, and seven Austrians, and Italians were wounded.

A Democrat was killed at Lick Creek, Illinois.

Later.

President M'Kinley has been again elected. He has secured a larger electoral vote than that of 1896, though by smaller popular pluralities. President M'Kinley carried the States of New York, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Maryland, Iowa, Delaware, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

Mr. W. J. Bryan, the Democratic candidate, carried Texas and North Carolina.

The election was generally orderly, and the polling was the heaviest on record.

THE NEW YORK ELECTION DISPUTE.

LONDON, Nov. 6.

In connection with the United States election, it was stated that Mr. Devery, the Chief of the Police of New York, Tammanyite, had instructed the police not to allow any interference with voters by Mr. M'Cullagh, Republican, the State Superintendent of Elections, Mr. M'Cullagh having insisted on preventing illegal votes being cast.

Owing to the intervention of Colonel Roosevelt, the Governor of the State of New York, the Mayor of the City of New York compelled Mr. Devery to withdraw the instructions which he had given to the police to oppose the precautions which Mr. M'Cullagh had taken.

THE QUEEN.

LONDON, Nov. 7.

Her Majesty the Queen has arrived at Windsor from Balmoral.

MR. GERALD BALFOUR.

LONDON, Nov. 7.

Mr. Gerald Balfour, Chief Secretary for Ireland, who will shortly resign that position, will, it is understood, be appointed President of the Board of Trade, lately held by Mr. C. T. Ritchie, now Home Secretary.

ARMY REFORM.

LONDON, Nov. 7.

Mr. St. John Brodrick, the recently appointed Secretary of State for War, speaking at Godalming last night, promised that he would approach the question of Army Reform with the appreciation of an enthusiast.

BATTLESHIPS FOR RUSSIA.

ORDERED IN AMERICA.

LONDON, Nov. 7.

The "New York Herald" states that Russia is ordering five battleships from firms in America, at a cost of 20,000,000 dollars (£5,000,000).

ANTWERP WOOL SALES.

LONDON, Nov. 7.

The wool sales at Antwerp will extend from November 13 to November 22. There have been catalogued 22,870 bales, including 1410 from Cape Colony, and 1255 from Australia.

RITUALISTIC PROSECUTIONS.

LONDON, Nov. 6.

The Evangelical party of the Church of England, at the instance of Sir W. Harcourt, intends to prosecute three of the most extreme Ritualistic clergymen in London.

THE CABLE BOARD.

LONDON, Nov. 6.

Mr. Chamberlain has informed Mr. Copeland, Agent-General for New South Wales, that a permanent cable board will shortly be appointed, and that the colonial Governments interested will be asked to nominate representatives.

ENGLISH SPORTING.

LINCOLN AUTUMN MEETING.

LONDON, Nov. 6.

On the first day of the Lincoln Autumn Meeting, the Great Town Plate of 460 sovs., 1 mile, was won by the chestnut colt Pellisson (late Redy), by Prisoner from Red Spider, 3 years, beating Syerla and Dusky Queen. Syerla was favourite for the race.

CONTROL OF CYCLE RACING IN VICTORIA.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

At a meeting of the League of Wheelmen to-night it was decided to notify the South Australian riders who have nominated for the Austral Meeting that if they compete at that fixture they will be liable to be disqualified.

FREE, FREE.—Save the BAR COUPONS, for grand prize distribution next Christmas. Get circular from your grocer who sells SIRENE SOAP.—Advt.

THE TRANSVAAL.

A GALLANT RESCUE.

UNDER HEAVY FIRE.

BOERS UNMISTAKABLY DISHEARTENED.

LONDON, Nov. 7.

In the rearguard action which Major-General Smith-Dorrien had with the Boers at Witkop, near Belfast, Major Saunders, under a heavy and close fire, and in the face of a blizzard, rescued a sergeant who had been unhorsed. As they were both returning to the British lines on the one horse Major Saunders was wounded and the horse was killed.

Lieutenant T. W. Chalmers, of the Canadian forces, went to the assistance of Major Saunders, who implored him to leave. Lieutenant Chalmers refused to do so and was killed.

THE ATTACK ON KOFFYFONTEIN.

LONDON, Nov. 7.

Particulars of the defence of Koffyfontein on October 26 show that Captain Robertson, of the Kimberley Light Horse, was strongly posted on debris overlooking the town. He repelled the enemy, and held the position, protecting the women and children until relieved on Friday last.

WORK OF MARAUDERS.

LONDON, Nov. 6.

Marauding bands of Boers around Bloemfontein have compelled all the British farmers and neutral Boers in the district to take refuge in the town, which is crowded.

Commandant Hermanus and Mr. Steyn have occupied and looted Ficksburg, near the Basuto border. The British flag was torn to shreds, which were tied to horses' tails.

Fourteen hundred Boers are close to Ladybrand.

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A Boer commando is near Petrusburg, 50 miles west of Bloemfontein.

CAPTURE OF STOCK.

LONDON, Nov. 6.

The British retook 800 cattle, captured at Frankfort, with 200 additional head.

BOERS UNMISTAKABLY DISHEARTENED.

MR STEYN'S INVENTIONS.

LONDON, Nov. 7.

Lord Roberts reports that while the Boers are becoming unmistakably disheartened owing to their food becoming scarce, and their ammunition becoming still scarcer, Mr. Steyn, ex-President of the Orange Free State, is doing his utmost to maintain the hopeless struggle.

Lord Roberts further reports that Mr. Steyn, to effect his purpose, told Commandant Delarey's burghers that Commandant De Wet had seized Norval's Pont, on the Cape boundary, that 5000 Cape Dutch had risen, and that Mr. Kruger would obtain international intervention, or else would sell the Transvaal to the highest bidder.

MR. KRUGER.

WISHES THE BOERS TO FIGHT.

LONDON, Nov. 7.

Mr. Kruger is now better, although he is suffering from weakness of the eyes.

In the course of an interview Mr. Kruger said that he hoped that the Boers would continue fighting without ceasing.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BUSHMEN.

LONDON, Nov. 7.

The Australian Bushmen who distinguished themselves at Rustenburg were the Western Australians, commanded by Captain H. G. Vialls.

[A cable published on Tuesday stated:—"Colonel Plumer has expelled the Boers from two strong positions south-east of Rustenburg, and chased them through difficult country. The Yeomanry also carried a position by assault, and the Australian Bushmen turned another, capturing several Boers and preventing a southward movement on the part of the enemy."]

WITH THE BUSHMEN.

PRETORIA.

THE CITY OF ROSES.

THE UNFINISHED PALACE OF JUSTICE.

JOHANNESBURG.

A MARVEL OF THE CENTURY.

By the Rev. James Green, Chaplain with the Troops.

PRETORIA, Oct. 2.

As we drew near to Pretoria by train we were pleased with its appearance; the trees and gardens were refreshing after the usual barren outlook of the South African landscape, but when we saw the very inferior railway station and its surroundings we began to think that Pretoria was a very mean sort of place indeed. Now, after being encamped here three weeks, our judgment is matured, and we pronounce Pretoria to be a beautiful place—a city of roses. There are enormous gum trees in the streets and gardens.

You have to leave Australia to thoroughly appreciate the gum trees. Here they are planted for ornament—with us they are common. Being cultivated they attain greater height in less time, and, perhaps because there is more water, they seem here to have a brighter and fresher colour of leaf; and then, no doubt, we regard them with an affection which multiplies their beauty because they speak to us of home—Sunny New South Wales. The gardens in Pretoria are surrounded by beautiful hedges, usually of cypress. There are roses everywhere, and all the flowers here have the old-world redolence of perfume.

One of our first visits was to Mr. Kruger's house. Mrs. Kruger is still at home. Outside the house there are always British sentries, but in addition to these you will always find two Boers of the Dopper farmer type sitting on the stoep. They have been left by Mr. Kruger to keep watch and ward during his absence—"on leave." It is characteristic of Oom Paul that he lives in a very poor sort of house, with no architectural pretensions except the rather incongruous semi-official appearance produced by the two marble lions given by the late Barney Barnato, and a couple of sentry boxes in the little garden.

Opposite the ex-President's house is the Dopper Church where he worshipped. It is a rather fine building in the Dutch style. Oom Paul usually preached in this church once a month in the old times. I am told by those who had frequent opportunities of hearing him that he has a harsh, raucous voice, and on all occasions speaks in a denunciatory way. Not far up Kerk-street, in which the ex-President's house is situated, we came to the square with the big Dutch Reformed Church in the centre.

A STATUE OF LIBERTY.

Opposite is the Raadzaal, a fine building with a statue of Liberty, which resembles her Britannic Majesty, surmounting the roof. It is very suggestive that at the opposite side of the square there is the unfinished and unopened Palace of Justice, and near the centre there is the base and pedestal of the statue of Paul Kruger, which has got as far as Delagoa Bay and will never adorn Pretoria.

It seems as though the Providence which overrules the nations had decreed that the great make-believe people's government called the South African Republic should no longer defile the place of justice with its thousand and one concessions and its manifold corruption, and that an obstinate and self-worshipping race, whose characteristic type is Kruger, should not even leave its mark in stone in the place where men do congregate; and so we have these unfinished edifices—"which things are an allegory."

A prominent burgher said to one of the English ministers on the day that Roberts's army saluted the unfurled flag of Britain in the Market-square, "This is a sad day for us, but I have long felt that there would have to be a higher type of character and a purer administration of government brought in from somewhere." There is a great deal of speculation as to whose statue will ultimately stand on the pedestal. Of course, this speculation is too previous. Some think that the Queen's statue will grace the pedestal, others fancy "Bobs"—but we should wait for, say, a quarter of a century. The work is only half done when the war is finished.

The work of reconstruction may be as difficult in its way as the work of destruction has been. Where is the man? Will the first High Commissioner, Sir Alfred Milner, bring shape out of the chaos which necessarily now exists? If so, his form may yet be represented in marble or bronze on the pedestal built to receive his Bloemfontein opponent.

There are some fine public buildings, banks, shops, &c., in Pretoria, but the suburbs Wonderboom, Sunnyside, Trevenna, Arcadia, are specially admired. There are water furrows running down the footpaths. These are utilised to irrigate the gardens. There are some beautiful villas. One of the best of these is occupied by Lord Roberts, another is occupied by Lord Kitchener when in town. Then many others are used by the authorities as offices. This arrangement serves two purposes—the property is kept intact, and army accommodation is provided.

A most beautiful mansion "Albion Keep," with its grounds has been utilised for the Imperial Yeomanry Hospital. Most of our sick and wounded Bushmen from Pinaars River and Waterval camps have been brought here, and they have no complaints. The Palace of Justice is used as the Irish Hospital, and is a model institution.

TWO NOTABLE INSTITUTIONS.

One of the senior chaplains, who has been from one end of the country to the other, and right through the campaign, told me to-day that the two best institutions in connection with the army were the Irish Hospital and the New South Wales Ambulance Corps under Major Fiaschi. Speaking of our ambulance, they have had rough trekking recently in order to keep up with the troops. At a place called Devil's Knuckles, near Waterval River, the mountains were so steep that they had to lower the ambulance down with ropes.

The four forts around Pretoria are of a modern type, and in good positions. The Staats Artillerie Barracks is one of the best in the world. It is of the German type of barracks. The Boers left so hurriedly that some of their horses were left behind. The arsenal is cut out of the solid rock. Then there is just outside the barracks a terrace of fine villa residences for the officers. All these, of course, are now occupied by British officers.

In front of the barracks there is a fine statue of Pretorius, after whom the city is named. Last week I paid a three days' visit to Johannesburg to see our wounded men from Elands River, most of whom are in No. 6 General Hospital—an admirable fixed hospital established in the grounds of the Wanderers' Club—a Johannesburg athletic and recreation society. The men are being nursed by the Army Nursing Sisters of New South Wales under the able superintendence of Miss Gould.

Unfortunately, another of our Elands River garrison has died at Krugersdorp—Masterton, of the Q.M.I. The men at Johannesburg were doing well, and in good spirits, though one complained of insufficient food. On investigation I found that the same treatment was accorded to his ward as to others where the men were satisfied.

In regard to the hospital inquiry, there is a danger of the agitation itself producing a serious hardship, as the sympathy aroused is leading more nurses to come out to Africa, for whom there will be no employment. Over 200 nurses are unemployed in Natal, and here in Pretoria there are really more than is now necessary.

CAPITAL AWAITING INVESTMENT.

No one can fail to be impressed with Johannesburg. Though just about 17 years old, it is a huge city with fine buildings. The Exploration building and General Post Office would do honour to any city, and I am told that at the time of the Jameson raid thousands of pounds was ready for investment in street property, the employment of which was delayed owing to a feeling of insecurity. When the war is over no doubt this capital will be expended. At present the food supply is insufficient for the civil population, but supplies have begun to come up, and 1000 refugees and picked workmen for the mines are to be permitted to return. There will be no chance, however, for new comers for some months.

I went over the fort, which from its position seems to have been built to overawe the town rather than to defend it. When the British troops advanced against the place the fort was useless, as were the forts at Pretoria, because most of the guns had been removed to Ladysmith, Mafeking, and other places, and the Boers had not time to replace them. The fort is now used for the storage of ammunition, and a reserve food supply for the British army. There are about 200 Boer prisoners confined here.

The most impressive thing in connection with Johannesburg is the reef. For 40 miles there are great mines all lit up with electric light, and one can imagine that in times of peace, with all the batteries at work, and with the barricades removed from the shop fronts and a dense population, Johannesburg must be a marvellous 17-years-old city.

ANNEXATIONS BY THE DUTCH.

At present there are some curious cases of litigation before the military tribunal. When the English were driven out the Dutch did not scruple to take possession of their property. Even well-to-do Dutchwomen drove in their carriages to the leading shops and took away bundles of silk, dresses worth £40, and in fact anything they fancied. When the English entered all this loot was as far as possible collected and placed in warehouses, and records were kept of the persons from whom it had been taken.

A little while ago 20 merchants were allowed to come up to identify their property, and the looters are now being dealt with. These merchants also found that other people had opened their shops without authority. These people are now before the Courts, but it will not be easy to make them disgorge their ill-gotten gains.

I regret to have to tell of the death of Trooper Waddell, who was killed when with one of our patrols at Pinaar's River a few days ago. We all regret very much, also, the death of the O.C. of the South Australian Bushmen—Captain Hubbe. He was killed at Ottoshoop on September 12. He was galloping in front of the line to reform the troops, when he was shot through the heart at 2000 yards—probably a chance shot. Captain Hubbe was an old South Australian explorer, and a keen soldier.

The colonial men are beginning to return home. Last week the Canadian infantry paraded before Lord Roberts for their final inspection ere leaving the country. In a fine speech "Bobs" recounted their successful exploits, and assured them ere he wished them "good-bye" that "they would never be forgotten by the British Army."

Yesterday the garrison which held Elands River Station was inspected by Lord Roberts and his staff at our camp. Generals Baden-Powell, Plumer, and Pole-Carew also accompanied the Field-Marshal, as did also Lady Roberts and her daughters. Lord Roberts inspected each group as they represented New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Rhodesia. To each of the officers who were presented to him he had something to say about the siege. He made a speech, in which he thanked the men of the colonies for the brave stand they made, which resulted in saving valuable stores at an opportune time. But much to the disappointment of many of the men he said nothing about our future movements, nor did he give us any hint as to when we are to return to Australia.

SUGGESTED LAND GRANTS TO RETURNED SOLDIERS.

In the Legislative Council yesterday,

Mr. Cox, without notice, asked the Vice-President of the Executive Council whether it was the intention of the Government to follow the very good lead of the Canadian Government by offering a grant of 160 acres of land to returned volunteers from the Transvaal.

The Vice-President of the Executive Council answered that he could give no definite information, but he was sure the Government would give every consideration to the good services rendered by our troops in Africa. He could not for the moment say whether grants of land would be given or not, but his hon. friend was old enough to recollect how the grants of land given to volunteers many years ago were paid for.

LETTERS FROM THE FRONT.

Lieutenant P. E. Sterton, writing to Mr. John Sinclair, of Inverell, from Pretoria on September 1, says: "Since arriving at Pretoria on the first occasion (June 5) we have had some very hard work indeed, and some very hard fighting. At the Vet River we did a splendid charge in taking the drift. The company I am in was the first to advance, and we had to go through some very heavy fire indeed. At Heidelberg we had a brush with the enemy. They occupied kopjes outside the town. We shelled them in the afternoon, and at about two hours before daylight next morning I with others was sent to find out if they had vacated the position. We found they had, and then went straight on to the town. I was one of the five who first entered with Mr. Newman, our officer. There were about 50 British subjects in the town, and they were delighted to see us. They said they had been anxiously looking for us for months, and during that time they had a very bad time of it. When passing Lindley (when we were following De Wet) about 300 of us were sent across country to meet a convoy that was likely to get into trouble, and stay with it for a few days. While with it we were completely surrounded by De Wet about 3 o'clock one afternoon. They gave us a very rough time until dark. We expected it to continue in the morning, but fortunately Broadwood's column arrived, and De Wet cleared. We have been here about a week spelling. Since we arrived in South Africa we have been continually on the move, and the last fortnight we were after De Wet, had reveille at 3 o'clock every morning, travelling all day. During the fortnight we had three night marches. We knocked up all our horses."

A "Citizen" received last week the following information from Lichtenburg, South Africa, dated September 29:—"Sergeant T. Hungerford, of E Squadron, Imperial Bushmen, was on September 1 raised to sergeant-major, and a few days after the lamented death of Lieutenant White was promoted to the vacancy thus caused."

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN RAILWAYS.

PERTH, Wednesday.

During last night's discussion on the Estimates the Minister for Railways announced that the Government had decided to appoint a Royal Commission of five members to investigate alleged frauds on the Customs and Railway Departments in accordance with the Select Committee's report. He also stated that it had been decided to give two railway officials until the end of the week to show cause why they should not be dismissed, and that summonses would be issued against those persons whose prosecution was recommended by the Select Committee.

SECOND EDITION

TALLOW MARKET.

LONDON, Nov. 7.

At the sales of Australian tallow to-day 1425 casks were offered, of which 1125 were sold. Mutton, fine, realised 28s; mutton, medium, 26s 9d; beef, fine, 27s 9d; and beef, medium, 26s.

THE VISIT OF IMPERIAL TROOPS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Premier has cabled to Mr. Chamberlain cordially inviting the troops attending the inauguration of the Commonwealth in Sydney to visit Melbourne before returning to England.

SEVERE STORM AT ROCKHAMPTON.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

A very severe storm was experienced at Rockhampton this afternoon, lasting three-quarters of an hour. The wind blew with hurricane force. Many buildings in different parts of the town were unroofed. The storm was accompanied with one of the heaviest falls of hail ever experienced in Rockhampton, and great damage was done to the mango and grape crops.

ST. ALBAN'S ESTATE.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The late W. R. Wilson's St. Alban's Estate was offered for sale at auction to-day. The best offer was £15,500, which was declined, and the property was withdrawn for private sale.

CHINA.

MURDER OF A LADY MISSIONARY.

LONDON, Nov. 6.

Further details show that the American lady missionary executed at Paoting-fu was slowly tortured, the rioters dismembering her feet and hands first. Many similar outrages occurred.

DEPRIVING THE COURT OF SUPPLIES.

LONDON, Nov. 7.

A column of the Allies has been sent from I-chau to occupy the passes leading to Taiyuen-fu, and thus stop the sending of provisions to Si-ngan-fu, the present residence of the Imperial Court.

ARMS AND AMMUNITION.

The following proclamation from the "London Gazette," sent by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to his Excellency the Governor, is published in the New South Wales "Government Gazette":—"Whereas by The Exportation of Arms Act, 1900, section 1, it is enacted that it shall be lawful for her Majesty by proclamation to prohibit the exportation of all or any of the following articles, namely—Arms, ammunition, military and naval stores, and any article which her Majesty shall judge capable of being converted into, or made useful in increasing the quantity of arms, ammunition, or military or naval stores, to any country or place therein named, whenever her Majesty shall judge such prohibition to be expedient in order to prevent such arms, ammunition, military or naval stores, being used against her Majesty's subjects or forces, or against any forces engaged or which may be engaged in military or naval operations in co-operation with her Majesty's forces. And whereas we, by and with the advice of our Privy Council, judge it expedient to prohibit the exportation to China of arms and ammunition in order to prevent their being used as in the said Act stated. Now we, by and with the advice aforesaid, do hereby prohibit the exportation to China of arms and ammunition from and after the date hereof."

VICTORIA.

NATIONAL BANK OF AUSTRALASIA.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The half-yearly meeting of the National Bank of Australasia, Limited, was held to-day. Mr. John Grice, who presided, moved the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, particulars of which have already been published in these columns. Mr. Grice said that it was a great pleasure to the directors that the profits were sufficient to enable them to recommend the payment of a dividend on both preference and ordinary shares—on the former at the rate of 6 per cent., and on the latter at the rate of 3 per cent. These dividends absorbed £25,531, and left £11,736 to be carried forward. The bank held an extremely strong position. Deposits were £5,929,913, including half a million of Government money. There was about £3,000,000 on fixed deposit, and about £2,500,000 on current account. The total liabilities to the public amounted to £7,324,859. Against this they held in cash and liquid assets £3,154,323, or, as compared with liabilities, 8s 7d in the £. Mr. Grice referred to the various indications of recovery that was taking place in Victorian affairs, as shown by the increasing values of real estate and the prosperous state of the building trade. The motion for the adoption of the report and the balance-sheet was carried.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

PROPOSED HARBOUR AT BEACHPORT.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The Premier (Mr. Holder) received a representative deputation this morning with reference to making a deep-sea harbour at Beachport for the accommodation of the south-east. The deputation included members of the Legislative Council and the Chamber of Commerce. The south-eastern representative pointed out that it was desirable that facilities should be given to people in the south-east to ship their produce to the best markets. By doing so they would retain the trade to that part of the colony, to which it properly belonged. Unless something was done in that direction the trade would go over the border, especially if a railway line connected Mount Gambier with Portland. The Premier, in reply, said that federation would naturally necessitate the readjustment of trade. He did not want the south-east or any other portion of the colony to suffer in consequence. In part the province to which the deputation particularly referred, Beachport, would be pitted against Portland. He recognised the necessity for a South Australian port to be placed on an equality with its rival. The Marine Board, composed of experts, had made inquiries into the subject, and had come to the conclusion that Beachport offered better natural facilities than Portland for trade. They had recommended the expenditure of £80,000 for the formation of a harbour. That recommendation was made by mariners, and not by engineers, and it would be necessary for the Government before it could arrive at a decision to get an estimate of the cost from the Works Department. It would be impossible at this late period of the session to bring the matter fully before Parliament this year. The Government would ask the Legislature for authority to spend the money, and would consider what was the best course to pursue when they received the report of their engineer. There was no probability of intercolonial freetrade being established for at least 12 or 18 months, and that would give the Government time to carry out any scheme which might be determined upon. The Victorian authorities had recently inquired whether the South Australian Government would be prepared to connect Mount Gambier with the Victorian border by rail if a line were laid from Portland to meet it. The Government had replied that at present it had no intention of laying such a line.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION BILL.

PERTH, Wednesday.

The select committee appointed by the Legislative Council to report on the Arbitration and Conciliation Bill has recommended a number of drastic amendments which are mainly in the interest of the employer. It is now regarded as extremely doubtful if the bill will pass this session. It is understood that both parties affected prefer delay to the acceptance of the measure in its present shape.

The one hundred and eighteenth half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of the Western Australian Bank was held to-day. The accounts show that the profits, after providing for bad and doubtful debts, for rebate on discount, bills current, for interest on deposits, and all expenses of management, was £12,180, while the balance from the previous half-year was £17,307. The directors resolved to pay a dividend of 17½ per cent. per annum, absorbing £8750, and to carry forward £21,367. The reserve fund is now £200,000, and the reserved profits £21,367. The dividend free of dividend tax will be payable at the head office on November 8. Sir George Shenton and Mr. W. T. Loton were re-elected as directors.

At yesterday's session of the Anglican Synod an interesting debate of more than local interest on clause 12 of the Anglican Parochial Bill took place. This clause provides that, if the synod is satisfied that any parish refuses or is unable to fulfil the conditions under which it is constituted or to comply with any statute in force in the diocese, the synod may, by resolution, abolish such parish, which shall thereupon become vacant. The opponents of the clause, led by Dean Goldsmith, objected to the power of removing a cure being taken out of the hands of the Bishop. Ultimately an amendment was accepted giving the Bishop the initiative, but empowering the synod with authority to degrade any parish for the reasons stated in the original clause.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

CONSTITUTING THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

THE GOVERNORS OF THE STATES.

LONDON, Nov. 7.

It is officially announced that her Majesty the Queen has been pleased, by Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom, dated October 29, 1900, to constitute the offices of Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth of Australia, and the offices of Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of each of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, and Tasmania.

It is also officially announced that her Majesty the Queen has been pleased to appoint the Earl of Hopetoun to the offices of Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth; Earl Beauchamp, Governor of the State of New South Wales; Lord Lamington, Governor of Queensland; Lord Tennyson, Governor of South Australia; Sir Frederick Darley, Lieutenant-Governor of New South Wales; Sir Samuel Griffith, Lieutenant-Governor of Queensland; Sir Samuel Way, Lieutenant-Governor of South Australia; and Sir John Madden, Lieutenant-Governor of Victoria.

DUKE OF YORK.

THE ESCORT OF CRUISERS.

LONDON, Nov. 6.

It is expected that the training squadron cruisers will escort the Duke and Duchess of York to Australia.

The training squadron consists of the first-class cruiser St. George and the second-class cruisers Cambrian, Juno, and Minerva.

INVITATION TO CAPE COLONY.

MINISTERS MAY POSSIBLY ATTEND.

The Premier has received through the Lieutenant-Governor the following telegram from the High Commissioner for South Africa:—

"Re your telegram of October 31. The Prime Minister of the Cape Colony deeply regrets that owing to the state of the country it is wholly impossible for him to be present. The same applies to myself. We still hope that members of the Ministry may be able to accept the invitation as a token of the sympathy of this colony with the great step forward on the part of Australia, and gratitude for the splendid assistance rendered by the Australians here. Will communicate again if this is possible."

THE ACCOMMODATION OF THE GUESTS.

ARRANGEMENTS BY THE GOVERNMENT.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION SECURED.

The Premier yesterday stated that it had been arranged that the Imperial Government should pay the cost of sending out the troops to Sydney; but that whilst in Sydney the men would be the guests of the New South Wales Government. In addition, many distinguished visitors would be present from the other colonies. The question of housing all the guests had been taken into consideration. It was at first intended to charter one of the large ocean-going steamers trading to the port, and to place the guests on board, mooring the vessel in a convenient spot in the harbour. The boat would, however, be required for more than a week. This would be inconvenient to the shipping companies, and finally the proposal has been abandoned as not being feasible. Within the last few days negotiations have been entered into with the proprietors of the Australia and a number of the other large hotels in Sydney for the providing of rooms, and special arrangements will be made for the comfort of visitors. Sir William Lyne states that he was at first afraid that he would not be able to find accommodation for all the visitors who have accepted the invitation of the Government to be present in Sydney during the first week of the new year; but he is now of opinion that the leading hotels of Sydney will be quite able to meet the demands which will be made upon them by the Government.

THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY.

Now that it has been decided the swearing-in ceremony is to take place in Centennial Park no time will be lost in selecting the site on which to erect the handsome octagonal building that has been constructed from a design by Mr. Vernon, Government Architect, and in which the ceremony will be performed. The structure was built of wood on the vacant piece of land opposite the old volunteer offices, opposite St. Mary's Cathedral. It was bolted together and marked, so that it could be taken down and re-erected without any trouble. The building has now been taken down, and will be removed to Centennial Park in the course of a few days. It is understood the building will be erected in such a position as to command a view of the level ground on which the troops will carry out a series of manoeuvres.

ELABORATE CARD OF INVITATION TO BE ISSUED.

It has been decided by the Government that every distinguished citizen, public man, and Judge in the other colonies who has been invited to attend the Commonwealth festivities will, on accepting the invitation, be forwarded a handsome card of invitation. In order that it should be a work of art, and one well worth preserving as a memento of such a memorable occasion, artists have been invited to send in competitive designs for such a card. A number of these have already been received, and some of them are real works of art. It is anticipated that a number of other designs will be received, and if they maintain the standard of excellence displayed in those already sent in the Government will have no difficulty in selecting one that will be a worthy memento.

It is intended that this particular card will constitute a general invitation to all the Commonwealth festivities. When the guests arrive in Sydney a complete list of their names will be taken, and they will be furnished with special invitation cards to each of the different functions held during the week's carnival. Thus there will be special invitation cards issued for the aquatic carnival, the federal banquet, the federal concerts, and various other functions.

THE HIGHLAND BAND COMING TO SYDNEY.

The Premier yesterday received a telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reply to a message recently sent by him, stating that the band of the Highland Light Infantry is included in the troops coming to Sydney.

CITIZENS' CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Citizens' Commonwealth Celebrations Executive Committee was held at the Town Hall yesterday afternoon. There was a large attendance of members, and Mr. W. M'Millan occupied the chair. After the transaction of preliminary business it was agreed that donations should be invited from those willing to assist the Commonwealth Committee in arranging for special civic decorations, the entertainment of the poor and the inmates of hospitals and kindred charitable institutions, and the carrying out of certain services and civic functions at the time of the celebrations. It was agreed that property owners and others occupying premises along the proposed route of the Commonwealth procession who were willing to co-operate with the Citizens' Commonwealth Committee in securing uniformity of design in the decorations, should be invited by circular to send their names to the general secretary in order that they might be added to the General Committee for citizens' decorations co-operating with the Government sub-committee. Sub-committees to deal with sections regarding private decorations will then be appointed.

It was decided that the residents of the cities and towns of Australia should be invited by circular later to forward banners, trophies, or other emblematic designs to be used in the decorations extending along the line of route. In regard to services and functions it was agreed that a sacred concert and service should be held in the Town Hall on the night of December 31, commencing at 10.30, and lasting until the incoming of the New Year. Also a Commonwealth Demonstration was suggested to be arranged for, and preliminaries were discussed in regard to the entertainment of the poor. The following gentlemen were appointed to represent the Citizens' Committee on various Government committees:—The vice-chairman, Mr. W. M'Millan and Professor Anderson Stuart; and the general secretary, Mr. J. D. Hennessey (ex officio); with Alderman John Harris and R. G. Watkins, and Messrs. Beale, Cormack, Broughton, and Chapman.

SUGGESTIONS BY THE SECTIONAL COMMITTEES.

Immediately the executive committee is appointed it will have its hands full in dealing with the numerous suggestions contained in the reports of the various sectional committees. Most of these have reached the general secretary, Mr. John Portus, but he is not at liberty to disclose their contents until the documents are first laid before the executive committee. It is learned, however, from unofficial sources that whilst they contain some admirable suggestions, they also embrace a number that will be rejected on the ground that they are unsuitable. Some are unique in character, as, for instance, the proposal that during an open-air military band concert to be held in the Domain there should be given an exhibition of the old games and time-honoured customs observed in England, special mention being made of Jack-in-the-Green and the well-known Maypole dance.

ATHLETIC SECTIONAL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the athletic sectional committee of the Commonwealth celebrations was held last evening at the New South Wales Sports Club, Hunter-street. Mr. R. Coombes presided. The name of Dr. G. Armstrong (Highland Society) was added to the list of members.

The bowls sub-committee supported the proposals of the president, Mr. John Young, and recommended the following programme of events:—(1) an intercolonial bowling association competition, (2) intercolonial club rink, (3) intercolonial pair, and (4) intercolonial single.

The cricket sub-committee recommended a "federal" match, New South Wales v. other federating colonies, to take place on January 5, 7, 8, and 9.

The sub-committee of athletics recommended the following:—Public Schools, programme of 24 events; Life Saving Society, one competition; N.S.W. A.A.A., programme of 10 events; Great Public Schools, six events; Y.M.C.A. gymnasium, four events. Miscellaneous items—100 yards and one mile professional championships, kicking football (place and drop kick, throwing cricket ball—at wicket and distance; Lacrosse Association, two events; N.S.W. Rugby Football Union, a football run from goal to goal; 100 yards championships for the army and the navy. The reports were adopted, and will be forwarded to the executive committee for consideration.

PROPOSED SWIMMING CARNIVAL.

In view of the fact that the swearing-in ceremony of the Governor-General is to take place in the Centennial Park, a movement is on foot with the object of holding a monster swimming carnival and life-saving display in connection with the Eastern Suburbs District Swimming Clubs. A meeting of representatives of the four clubs will be held during the present week to make preliminary arrangements for the same. It is anticipated that the event will take place during the holiday week. The clubs interested in the event are the Eastern Suburbs, Waverley, Randwick, and Coogee, and the Bondi.

INTERCOLONIAL BOWLS.

The "South Australian Register" of Thursday last publishes the subjoined paragraph:—"Last Easter a bowling team from the Waverley Club, one of the best in Sydney, visited Adelaide and imparted several valuable lessons in the fascinating old English game to the members of the Adelaide Bowling Club. It is the intention of the Adelaide bowlers to return the visit at the time of the Commonwealth celebrations in Sydney. The team will probably leave Adelaide on Christmas Day, play two or three games in Ballarat and Melbourne en route, and reach Sydney on December 30. During the following week they hope to engage in four or five games, two of them against the Waverley Club as returns to the matches played at Adelaide. The members of so young a club are showing considerable enterprise in thus going afield to tackle stronger teams in the other capitals, where the game has been played much longer than in Adelaide, and they are actuated less by the hope of winning than by the desire to improve their knowledge of the game by meeting more experienced bowlers. The team has not been finally selected, but it will be fairly representative of the Adelaide Club."

COMMEMORATION MEDALS IN QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

Medals for distribution among the school children of Queensland are now being made in Brisbane to the number of 100,000. The obverse of the medal will be identical with that adopted in the southern colonies, having a female figure in the centre representative of the Commonwealth, with the word "Federation—1901," and the motto "Unity is Strength" over it, while at the side will appear the names of the federating colonies, with the year of establishment. In each case underneath the figure will be a globe and a shield, together with the motto "Advance," with the symbols of Justice and Industry. On the reverse side will be the Queensland coat-of-arms, "1901," and the words "The State of Queensland" above the design.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The council of the churches on Tuesday afternoon resolved to invite all the churches of Adelaide and suburbs to join in the act of worship at the Pirie-street Methodist Church on January 1 next, the time appointed for the declaration of the Commonwealth. The council also resolved to suggest that in other centres of population throughout the colony the various ministers of religion should arrange for united services.

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES' ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The first intercolonial conference of the Australian Natives' Association was held this evening, and was attended by representatives of Victoria, Tasmania, Queensland, South Australia, Western Australia, and New South Wales. The chief proposal for consideration was the formation of an Australian Natives' Federal Board, subject to review by the various boards represented at the conference.

Mr. G. A. Seabrook (Queensland) submitted a motion affirming the desirability of a federal board being formed. He pointed out that the necessity for securing uniform legislation for friendly societies would have to be considered by the new body. The motion was carried by 5 votes to 3. It was further resolved,—"That the associations in the various colonies should be represented on the federal board on the basis of proportional representation, and that there should be one representative for every 2000 members or fraction thereof."

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

A meeting was held last night to consider the advisability of locally celebrating the inauguration of the Commonwealth. The Mayor presided. It was decided to give a picnic to the children of the city on New Year's Day. It was also suggested that the city be decorated. It was resolved to ask the municipal council to head the subscription list with £10. A resolution was moved to ask the Government for a grant. This proposition met with some opposition, but was carried.

HAY, Wednesday.

A public meeting was held last night in the council-chambers for the purpose of taking steps to suitably commemorate locally the Commonwealth inauguration day. It was decided to hold a demonstration, but what form it should take was left for the decision of a future meeting. The Mayor and Alderman Bankers, the storekeepers, two representatives each of sporting and public institutions, were appointed as a committee to carry out the functions, which will probably be a sports picnic and illuminations at night. The principal drawback is that the week's holiday and cheap railway fares are certain to draw a large proportion of the principal residents to Sydney.

MOLONG, Wednesday.

The Molong Council has decided to support the Moree Council's resolution urging that specially low fares be allowed on the railways throughout the colony to enable people to journey to Sydney to witness the Commonwealth celebrations.

THE IMPERIAL TROOPS.

PROPOSED VISIT TO MELBOURNE.

Respecting the Imperial troops who are to come to Sydney to take part in the celebrations the Melbourne "Argus" writes:—"The feeling is general that the Imperial troops who are to make a magnificent display at the inaugural ceremonies in Sydney should remain in Australia and be present in Melbourne at the opening of the Parliament of Australia. The one ceremony is as important as the other. Her Majesty and her advisers have given proof of their appreciation of the historic significance of the Melbourne event by arranging for an official visit by the Duke and Duchess of York. If it is in the fitness of things that the Queen's grandson, the future occupant of the throne, should open the first Parliament of the Commonwealth, it is also in the fitness of things that the function should be invested with appropriate pomp and splendour. Australasia will be represented, of course, but the Empire should also be represented. The presence of a thousand British soldiers, drawn from the United Kingdom and India, and wearing the uniforms of regiments of renown, will be the most picturesque feature of an august ceremony. And it will have great meanings. How could the Empire be better represented than by some of its brave defenders? And how could the perpetuation of the Commonwealth self-governing rights, the permanence of its free Constitution, the continuance of its Parliament, be better guaranteed than by the thousand men who will typify a defence which will surround us, our interests, and our institutions, from generation to generation, and indeed, as we all hope, from century to century? The inauguration of the Commonwealth will begin brilliantly in Sydney, and should be completed as brilliantly in Melbourne. The occasion here, as well as the occasion in Sydney, should be of a nature to evoke a memorable outburst of enthusiasm. Nothing which is certain to appeal powerfully to the sentiment of loyalty should be left undone. Happily, there are no formidable difficulties in the way of the Imperial troops taking part in the Melbourne event. It is not easily imaginable that the Imperial Government has ordered or desires the return of the force immediately after the Sydney ceremony. But, as we have said, the matter should not be left to probability or chance. Mr. M'Lean should communicate with Mr. Chamberlain, and make the formal request. We may be sure that if he will do so he will not be denied."

PROPOSED AUSTRALIAN FLAG.

Mr. Charles W. D. Goodchap writes:—"I would suggest that the Union Jack be used, with the addition of a white star of convenient size placed below the cross, south, as Australia is so situated. This will not interfere with the Jack, and the colours red, white, and blue will be maintained, and it will indicate that 'the star of the earth' has so increased in size that she has formed another star in the Southern Hemisphere by granting the Australian Commonwealth."

Satisfaction is expressed by residents in the eastern suburbs at the fact that the Premier proposes that the procession from the city to Centennial Park shall go via Oxford-street to the main entrance gates at Queen-street, Woollahra.

THE TEMPERANCE CAUSE.

GREAT UNITED DEMONSTRATION.

A TEMPERANCE POLITICAL PARTY.

MONSTER MEETING AT THE TOWN HALL.

A sight novel to the citizens of Sydney was witnessed last night, when ministers of religion, prominent citizens, ladies, members of the Salvation Army, and members of numerous temperance organisations paraded the length of George-street from Redfern to the Town Hall, under the flare of lighted torches, and to the accompaniment of brass band music. The object was to make a rousing demonstration of the power and in the cause of temperance on the eve of the commencement of the Commonwealth, and included in the scheme was, in addition to the grand march, a large public meeting subsequently. The Central Methodist Mission Band headed the procession, and then followed in order the council of the Alliance, clergy, Independent Order of Good Templars, Church of England societies, Wesley Church Band, Sons and Daughters of Temperance, the W.C.T.U., Independent Order of Rechabites, Cathedral Church of England Temperance Society, and the Salvation Army and its band. When the head of the procession entered the Town Hall the building, including the galleries, was crowded with men, women, and children, while on the platform were clergymen and ladies and gentlemen well known to the cause of temperance. Scattered about the hall were leaflets containing the manifesto of the temperance party, in which it was set out, among other things, that the main plank was local and State option, and that the formation of a temperance party in Parliament was projected. The Rev. F. B. Boyce (president of the New South Wales Alliance) was in the chair.

The Secretary (Mr. William Lawson Dash) read apologies from absent friends of the cause, including the Archbishop of Sydney, the President of the Wesleyan Conference, and the Minister for Mines, and a message from a meeting of 800 temperance workers in Albury was read.

The Chairman said that meeting showed that the temperance party was alive. (Hear, hear.) That meeting further would give a great start to the cause which should re-echo throughout New South Wales. During the last few years they had been led from the question nearest at heart by the great question of federation. Nor did he regret that because federation had been helpful to the friends of temperance in the U.S.A. and Canada by removing to the federal arena such great problems as protection and freetrade, and leaving the local Parliaments more free for temperance workers to fight their battles in. Federation would have a most beneficial effect upon every social question—on matters that would stir the hearts of the people. They were now on the warpath, and determined never to sheath their swords until victory was won all along the line. (Applause.) The man of the nineteenth century had nothing to be ashamed of in the work they had performed. They had laid the foundations wisely and well. The reduction in the prevalence of drunkenness and the general social progress had shown distinctly that a vast amount of good had been done by the friends of temperance in the latter part of the century. They had handed to the twentieth century a glorious heritage in the hearts of a large number of people. (Applause.) The main plank in the party's platform was simply state and local option. They asked the option for the localities and for the whole State. Parliament would do next to nothing, and the temperance party said to the Parliament, "Let us try. The temperance party is willing to trust the people." Then if at the ballot-box they were defeated in some respects they would wait till public opinion advanced, and then would get their way. They wanted the right of prohibition and the right to reduce the number of licenses. He hoped they would all be loyal to the new party. (Applause.) The party was working in the interests of the people. The forces against them were very powerful and would be very active, but for that they did not care. They knew that the reasonableness of their position would so commend itself to all friends of social reform and progress in New South Wales that they were bound to win the day by-and-bye. The 20,000 convictions for drunkenness, the 28 gaols of the colony filled principally with the victims of drink, the immorality, the pauperism, the wasted wealth, compelled him to fight hard against the traffic. The new temperance party would raise the banner of local and State option that night, and was not going to pull it down until victory was written upon it from Sydney all through Sunny New South Wales. (Loud applause.)

The Rev. Dr. Clouston moved,—"That this mass meeting of citizens of New South Wales views with satisfaction the formation of a temperance political party, and pledges itself to do all in its power to further its object. He said it was high time that they took part in the promotion of temperance legislation in New South Wales. (Applause.) They in Australia were highly favoured in their position. They belonged to a land of which no one had ever estimated the possibilities—a land of gigantic resources and splendid climate, a land of free institutions and free laws. We had all the elements which bade fair to make the Australian nation one of the mightiest that the earth had ever seen—(cheers)—but in spite of all these advantages we might yet be wrecked. If our people should ever become a drinking nation then the career of New South Wales with all its fair dreams was doomed. The temperance party was acting in the best interests of the community when it sought to promote its great object. The resolution asked the meeting to declare that it viewed with satisfaction the formation of a temperance political party. The time for action was significant and opportune. Hitherto the party had tried but had failed to induce the Legislature to take into consideration the great temperance question, but the Legislature had been busy with other matters which it considered of very great importance. For instance, it had been discussing federation, and we were now going to be federated according to our own views. That question was now out of the way. We had been talking about the fiscal question, too, but the questions of freetrade and protection had been removed from the sphere of local politics to the Parliament of the Commonwealth, so the way lay open to use all the influence the temperance party possessed to induce the local Legislature to place the temperance question to the forefront. (Cheers.) He had little doubt that they would be successful if they only earnestly and unanimously set to work. He believed the great meeting that night was to lead the pledge and promise of great things in the future. They were going to work, and he believed that the blessing of Providence would rest upon them abundantly in their endeavours. (Loud cheers.)

Mr. G. D. Clark, in seconding the resolution, said that the meeting would lift the entire temperance movement of the country to a higher level than it had occupied—(cheers)—and he was sure that the magnificent meeting would flush hope and inspiration into every township in the colony. (Cheers.) The movement now inaugurated indicated that the temperance forces of the country were tired of waiting for something to turn up, and they were going to take matters in their own hands to force the pace a bit. (Cheers and laughter.) Large numbers of people had spent their time and energy in attempting to force the question on Parliament, but their hopes had been dashed to the ground. Every leading political question had been dealt with except the temperance question, which so largely affected the material and moral interests of the country. They were going to alter all that. (Cheers.) The position they had taken up would not interfere with the opinions of political parties in the country, but the temperance party intended to make its influence felt, and to secure direct representation in the State Parliament. (Cheers.) They wanted to have a number of men in Parliament sufficiently earnest and determined to make it dangerous for any Government to ignore their claims in the future. (Loud cheers.) To accomplish this the temperance forces of the country would take their cause into the constituencies, and make their influence felt at the ballot box. (Cheers.) The liquor traffic had no claim for quarter from any upright and patriotic citizen. Judged by results it stood condemned as the enemy of the people, of the home, and of the Government, and they were bound by every consideration of humanity to take the necessary steps to stir up public sentiment. (Loud cheers.)

The resolution was unanimously carried amid enthusiasm.

The Rev. Dr. Roseby moved,—"That this meeting demands that on broad democratic principles Parliamentary electors should have the right by means of the local and state option of dealing with the whole question of the liquor traffic, and determining absolutely whether the present number of licenses shall be continued, reduced, or whether there shall be any at all." The resolution raised the great question, as between the private person and the public well-being, which should prevail. It was the question between the interests of private gain and those of public morality. (Applause.) They were not going to let those who met at the Protestant Hall the previous night have it all their own way. (Applause.) The temperance party did not wish to interfere with the gratification of any man's private taste, but with God's grace they would prevent a great public injury being done. (Applause.) They were already set an example by the law, which said that a scientist might not experiment with the bacillus of plague to the possible danger of the community. (Hear, hear.) The State would say that it did not want to interfere with a man's private tastes, but the welfare of the community was at stake. It was the same with regard to the resolution he submitted. The traffic in strong drink was a great and terrible evil. At the beginning of the century in England the drink bill was £2 5s per head of the population, in the middle of the century it was £3, and now it was £4. Drunkenness was on the increase among factory girls in England, and the English drank more than the Americans or Germans. That was the information of recent statistics quoted by a prominent English temperance leader. They were not going to be fooled by the word liberty. They were at a parting of the ways, and were bound to raise the question of the public well-being as against that of the gratification of private taste. The resolution advocated the reference of the whole question to the people themselves. What was the meaning of democracy if not trust in the people? And then the opposition to the movement came not from the friends of temperance, but from those who would benefit by its increase. (Loud applause.)

The Rev. W. W. Rutledge seconded the motion. He said the question was a people's question, and they did not intend to hand it over entirely to the Parliament as had been done in the past. They intended that by means of the association pressure would be brought to bear on Parliament or its members. The voice of the friends of temperance would be a power, and would be heard at the ballot box. The Archbishop of Canterbury said he intended to be a thorn in the side of every Government that did not do its duty to society, and that was the attitude to be taken up by the new temperance party of New South Wales. They might not get all they wanted at once, but until they did they would be a thorn in the side of every Government which refused to give them what they wanted. (Applause.) One of the most hopeful tendencies of the present day lay in the direction of the concession given to the people of the right to an operative vote in the affairs of the nation. For instance the people had decided by their own vote the question of federation, and for the same reason the temperance question, which was a people's prominent question, should be decided by the people. The resolutions referred to the great principle of majority rule. He was not going to discuss whether it should be a bare or a proportionate majority. It mattered little what the majority was, the people would decide that point, as was instanced by the two referendum votes taken on the question of federation, the second one being the result of the outcry raised on the limitation of the majority placed upon the first vote taken. The principle of the referendum should be applied to the settlement of the temperance question. There was another tendency, but it was towards monopoly, as was illustrated by the number of "tied" public houses in the city and suburbs. The question had not been properly dealt with. The best way to deal with it would be to put it in the hands of the people. (Loud cheers.) They knew that all the large brewing interests held a very large percentage of this gigantic monopoly, and had the power of dictating to Parliament upon the all-important question of the drink traffic. They should remember that during the last ten years there had been more money spent in this country on drink than had been spent on the railways and tramways. They would see what an amount of crime, misery, and poverty that £37,000,000 meant, and he hoped that the people would rise to an appreciation of this fact. If the people lifted up their voice and determined to put down the traffic, no Parliament would be able to gainsay them. (Cheers.) He trusted everyone would leave the meeting pledged to leave no stone unturned until the temperance question had been put upon a firmer, wider, and a sounder foundation. (Cheers.)

Mr. J. Cook, M.L.A., said he congratulated the temperance party on having at last made up its mind on a programme. A great deal had been said about what Parliament had not done, but for a few moments he was going to stand up for Parliament, because Parliament was ready to do precisely what they wanted it to do the moment they had made up their minds what they wanted done. It was no use blaming Parliament until they had sent into Parliament people with a defined commission concerning the temperance question. He had tried to bring a bill before the House to deal with the question upon the lines contained in the present programme. What had been the result? Nearly every man who had been pledged to local option had a kind of local option of his own. Some wanted local option with a cash compensation, and others with various time limits. That was the result of sending people to Parliament with different opinions concerning what the temperance party desired. For that reason he was delighted to see all sections of the temperance party represented at this great meeting. It augured well for the cause that they had at last got all sections into line by formulating a programme which commended itself to all phases of temperance thought. He had no doubt that they would soon become a power in the country which no party or Government would be able to overlook. He was very pleased to support the resolution. It applied the broad principle of democratic government to the government of the drink traffic. It was too late in the day to raise objections against the application of the referendum to this great question. (Hear, hear.) If it had been applied with the best results to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, surely it must be equally applicable to this phase of democracy and social reform, which came within the purview of the State Constitution. This was a question which should be determined by the people. They had only to look at one phase of it to be assured on that point. Our drinking customs, we were told by Mr. Coghlan, were responsible for 25 per cent. of the convictions in our law courts, and upon the authority of the Chief Justice these customs were responsible for a large percentage of the crime in the colony. Did not these facts speak volumes? (Cheers.) He was glad that they had adopted a policy which would have a practical result. The question was one of first rate importance which should not be delayed, and he hoped to see a definitely formulated programme submitted to Parliament, and members returned pledged to give support to that programme. He hoped that magnificent gathering would be the prelude to a series of great meetings and the prelude to a determination all over the country to restrict the privileges of the liquor traffic. (Applause.)

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Dash appealed to the audience to contribute towards the expenses of that meeting and to the cost of organising the campaign.

Mr. M'Lean, M.L.A., moved,—"That this meeting insists that in the event of a renewal of a license being refused by the operation of the local or State vote the licensee shall not be entitled to any monetary compensation whatsoever." He said he had always believed that the compensation issue was the crux of the whole prohibition question, and until they could bring their fellow-citizens to recognise that there was no equitable claim for compensation they would not get a fair liquor law. Most of the hotels were owned by rich corporations, and surely no one would contend that any brewing corporation was entitled to one farthing of State compensation. (Applause.) The brewing interests were responsible for the multiplication of public-houses in the community. It was high time that the public awoke to the fact that the ideal licensee—the man who was to be injured—did not exist, and that the hotels were really owned by great corporations. It was said that the temperance platform was extreme and the party unreasonable, but no temperance party in the world had refused to accept any reasonable instalment of reform yet offered to them. The platform put forward was the full platform of the party, and no Government or Parliament could evade its responsibilities in regard to this great social reform by characterising the temperance party as extremists. (Applause.) The party was opposed to giving compensation, but not to giving reasonable notice in the case of determination of license.

The Rev. J. T. Holliday seconded the motion. He asked why should they compensate men who had already been compensated by protection and specially favourable legislation. Publicans were privileged to carry on business when other shops had to be closed, and they were protected by the limitation of the issue of licenses, whereas the ordinary shopkeeper was liable to unlimited competition. (Applause.)

The motion was unanimously carried.

The Rev. G. T. Waldon moved,—"This meeting urges: (1) That immediate provision be made for the more effective closing of public-houses on Sunday by the introduction of a short Act placing upon the licensees and persons found in public-houses during prohibited hours the onus of proof that they were there for a lawful purpose; (2) that in harmony with the spirit of the Early Closing Act public-houses should on week days be closed at an earlier hour; (3) that the police should have the necessary power given to them to enter licensed premises and secure evidence when they have reason to know that the law is being violated." (Applause.) He said the previous resolutions had largely entered into fields of future action, but his resolution was to deal with the enforcement of a law now on the Statute Book. He was glad to find that the press was strongly in favour of closing public-houses on the Lord's Day. (Applause.) The Government and the police were beset with many difficulties in enforcing the closing of public-houses on Sundays, and if they were earnest in the desire to enforce the law the suggestions embodied in the resolution would afford the requisite powers. (Loud applause.)

Mrs. Nolan, colonial president of the W.C.T.U., said the police should be more freely encouraged and subjected to less repression in their awkward duty of carrying out the Sunday closing laws. The Government was to be thanked for enforcing the Sunday closing of shops, and they were now asked to extend their watchfulness to the hotels. (Applause.) She exhorted all people who loved liberty and truth and right to concern themselves in the cause of temperance. (Applause.)

Mr. William White supported the resolution, which was then carried unanimously.

Major Taylor, of the Salvation Army, moved,—"That this meeting of citizens of New South Wales pledges itself to vote for no candidate who refuses to trust the people on a matter so vital to their wellbeing as the control of the liquor traffic." (Applause.) He urged that lethargy be thrown off, and when the time came for action all comrades in the temperance cause should show their earnestness at the ballot-box. Unless that was done, even great meetings like the one of that night would have no effect. (Applause).

Mr. G. E. Ardill seconded the motion, and the members of the audience rose in token of their pledge being given, as sought by the resolution. The chairman then declared the temperance party duly formed, and the audience, rising again, sang the National Anthem, and gave three cheers for temperance.

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WINE DEPOT.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The vexed question of the management of the London Wine Depot again claimed the attention of the Vignerons' Association this afternoon. The report of the sub-committee was brought up for consideration. The first clause was finally decided upon to read as follows:—"That the vignerons of South Australia deprecate the depot paying so much attention to the bottle trade instead of pushing the wholesale bulk trade." The second clause caused considerable argument, and after deliberation was amended to read—"(2) That the original intention of the depot be more strictly adhered to, viz., that of receiving, resting, and handling South Australian wines, and that any shipper can give an outside agent the right of inspecting and obtaining samples and selling such wines at shippers' option." Resolutions 3 to 5, regarding charges, the offerings of wines, and the nomination of agents, were agreed to; as was also resolution No. 6, that a business man should be appointed to inquire into the working of the depot in London. The next suggestion of the committee, that as soon as federation is established Victoria and New South Wales should be invited to join in carrying on the business of the depot, was contested by some of the members. Mr. Cholmondeley, the chairman, moved in the direction of striking out the clause, as he said it would be a pity to lose South Australia's good name when the Victorians had been adding to their wines salicylic acid. The clause was struck out. The members having signified their confidence in Mr. Young, the manager of the depot, it was decided to bring the recommendations before the Minister.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

NARRABRI, Wednesday.

The highest scores at the C.R.C. October shooting were T. Gee 80 and A. Bishop 71.

WOLLONGONG, Wednesday.

The total winnings of local riflemen at the National Rifle Association's meeting in Sydney amounted to £300.

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IN PARLIAMENT.

After an absence of about three months, caused by illness, Sir John Lackey, the President of the Legislative Council, took the chair yesterday, and received a very cordial welcome from hon. members. The Vice-President of the Executive Council, in reply to Mr. Cox, said that while the Government was prepared to give every consideration to the services rendered by our troops in South Africa, he could not say that it was contemplated to follow the course proposed in Canada of giving them grants of land. After a preliminary skirmish, which foreshadowed what was to follow later on, the order of the day for the third reading of the Early Closing Amendment Bill was postponed, and after dealing with the final stages of the Pacific Cable Enabling Bill, the debate on the Industrial Arbitration Bill was resumed by Dr. Cullen, who in a lengthy speech critically analysed the provisions of the measure, and expressed his hostility to the main principle which it embodied as likely to lead to evils the results of which to the colony could not be estimated. Mr. Robson, who followed, gave the bill his unqualified support as a proposal which, if carried, would tend to the amelioration of the evils of strikes and lockouts; and, on the motion of Mr. Flowers, the debate was then adjourned till Wednesday next. This brought the House once more to the Early Closing Amendment Bill, and, upon the Attorney-General moving the third reading, the Vice-President of the Executive Council moved as an amendment, that the bill be recommitted for the reconsideration of clause 5, which was introduced by Mr. Want, giving shopkeepers who carried on business without employing outside labour the privilege of keeping open for later hours than the bill originally intended. Mr. Want, who at an earlier period of the evening appeared to have a suspicion that the Government wished to get a snatch vote, though an assurance to the contrary had been given by the Attorney-General, took strong exception to the course now proposed. The Attorney-General stated that if the clause were retained the Government would drop the measure, and the House negatived the amendment of the Vice-President of the Executive Council by 18 to 10. Mr. Wise then proposed to withdraw his motion for the third reading of the bill, but as this course was objected to, the motion was put and agreed to. The Navigation Act Amendment Bill was taken through committee, and the second reading of the Defamation Bill was also carried, and the measure was formally committed. The Money Lenders and Infants Loans Bill was read the third time, and the House adjourned at 10.40 p.m.

The Colonial Secretary was not sufficiently explicit on Tuesday night when he said that only a few days of the session remained for general legislative work. His remarks should not have been construed literally. Yesterday morning, as soon as the House met, members wanted to know what he meant. Did "two or three" imply an immediate prorogation or a dissolution, with the inevitable abandonment of all the great bills still hopefully on the paper? There is the Old Age Pensions Bill, in regard to which the fondest expectations are cherished. Some members would be prepared to dispense with the whole Government programme (except, of course, that portion of it which deals with the arrangements for the federal elections) as long as old-age pensions are made the law of the land. Sir William Lyne does not undertake to get the bill passed straightaway; he will do his best in that direction. Mr. See's "two or three" days meant "twenty or thirty, more or less" as he explained. Further efforts to get at a more definite signification of his words were abandoned. The Premier said that he was not going to give up everything for the sake of the Federal Elections Bill. A supreme effort is to be made to do something of a practical nature even at the eleventh hour.

The Treasury Bills Deficiency Bill was brought up and read the first time. The Premier (as he foreshadowed in his budget speech) intends to do away with the suspense accounts that have constituted such a bone of contention in past financial debates, and to consolidate them in the general deficiency account. The proposal is to issue Treasury bills to the amount of £930,000, and to make provision for redeeming them by yearly instalments. The Supreme Court Procedure Bill came down from the Council with some amendments which the House went into committee to consider. Members set themselves to freely debate the amendments, although it was pointed out that all the objectionable clauses had been eliminated when the bill was previously before the Assembly. "If there is going to be a long discussion, I'll drop the whole thing altogether," the Premier said. The amendments were speedily disposed of.

The consideration of the Municipalities Bill in committee was resumed, and the best part of the day was spent in debating the financial clauses. The House had previously affirmed the principle of taking unimproved values at the discretion of the local authorities. The argument was put forward that this system would tend to encourage industry rather than penalise it, as was done by an ordinary property tax. It was also contended that a tax on unimproved land values would compel to pay taxes a class of property owners who were now able to avoid their municipal responsibilities. But whilst the House affirmed the principle it was not made compulsory. It was agreed that the councils by resolution, or the ratepayers by a general rating, should have power to tax land values as an alternative system only. In this plebiscite every municipal elector will have a vote, whether he is a lodger, a tenant, or a property owner. In the bill the maximum rate was fixed at 3s 4d in the £ on 5 per cent. of unimproved value. Considerable difference of opinion was expressed as to the adequacy or otherwise of this limitation. Mr. Dugald Thomson said it appeared to him that they were introducing the single tax by a side wind. At least that would be the case if the Minister accepted an amendment to leave out any mention of a maximum, as had been proposed by Mr. A. Griffith. Mr. Thomson argued that on some figures quoted by Mr. Griffith from one of Coghlan's statistical books, a council adopting the land value basis would have to levy a 10s in the £ rate as the equivalent of an all-round eighteen penny rate. This, he said, would be confiscation, and if any innovation of the kind was to be introduced into our fiscal methods let Parliament be consulted in a straightforward way about it. He was absolutely convinced that if the people of the country were called upon to express an opinion upon any form of confiscation such as it might be possible to perpetrate if some members had their way, the verdict would be one of emphatic condemnation.

Mr. Cook stated the case from a different standpoint. He pointed out that the House had already approved the principle of land value taxation, and declared that it was equitable in its incidence. Still, it was only an alternative method of raising municipal revenue. The councils could either adopt it or levy an all-round property rate. If the ratepayers did prefer it, then all they had to do was to find out what would be an equivalent of the property rate. That was all the House need concern itself with. A compromise upon these lines was arrived at. The House resolved that the maximum should be equivalent to the maximum property rate, and the 3s 4d proviso was struck out.

The provision for imposing special rates for lighting purposes received a good deal of criticism. There were no doubt cases in which persons directly benefited by a street lamp, but the objection was raised that a property-owner in one locality would be taxed because the council, for reasons of its own, thought fit to put up a lamp somewhere else. It was necessary all the same to give the councils discretionary power, otherwise a property-owner might repudiate his liability to pay a special rate unless his front door was illuminated at the expense of the municipality. The clause to make overdue rates a charge upon an owner at any time provoked a strong protest from Mr. Reid, who pointed out that the provision would be retrospective in its operation, and would apply to obligations that had been accumulating during the past 30 years. Worse still, the amount due would bear interest for the whole period, and then the total would become a charge upon the property. In the main, Parliament was responsible for the arrears. They were the result of a defective system or administrative irregularity. To go back over all the past years of municipal government and pile up the interest charges would not only bring about chaos in the municipalities, but, Mr. Reid said, would inflict gross injustice upon innocent persons. Others criticised the clause in a similar manner. So pronounced was the opposition, indeed, that members began to say that the Government was wasting time by attempting to pass such a bill so late in the session. A statement to this effect by Mr. Quinn was received with cheers. And again it was asked—Why not go on with the Old-age Pensions Bill? The House has never displayed such anxiety in regard to old-age pensions as it has since the Municipalities Bill was introduced. Every member who has yet spoken on the measure has urged that municipal reform is a necessity; but a large section of the House maintains that this is not the proper time to bring it about—not, at all events, when the Old-age Pensions Bill is on the paper. Eventually the House divided on the retrospective clause, and it was rejected by 44 votes to 15. Six Ministers voted with the minority. The clause was not looked upon by Mr. See as embodying an essential principle of the bill; but a few Oppositionists seemed to think the Ministerial defeat a sufficient justification for some badinage about the position of the Cabinet. Clause 42 was also struck out consequentially upon the rejection of the retrospective provision. Clause 45 was reached when progress was reported. The House adjourned at 11.25.

AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTS.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

In the Assembly yesterday the Commonwealth Elections Bill was referred back to the committee to reconsider clause 6, dealing with members sitting in both the State and Federal Parliaments. The Attorney-General explained that the clause was passed when he was not in the House. He said the clause was in contravention of the Constitution Act of 1867, and it was eventually deleted. A long discussion ensued on an amendment on clause 13, moved by the Chief Secretary, and providing for the better arrangement of the rolls by the electoral registrars. The Opposition contended the clause was a move on the part of the Government to shelve the promised Electoral Amendment Bill, and was eventually carried. An amendment on the electorate schedule in this bill was carried, placing Barcoo and Mitchell Electorate in the Maranoa division. The bill is to be read a third time to-day. The Health Act Amendment Bill was received from the Legislative Council with amendments, and will be considered to-day. The Pastoral Leases Bill was read a third time. The House went into committee on a bill providing for the continuation of the office of the Railway Commissioner. A clause fixing the re-engagement for three years was carried. The House rose at 11 p.m.

In the Legislative Assembly to-day the Premier moved a further Appropriation Bill to provide £550,000 to meet the requirements of the various departments, to pass all its stages in one day. An animated debate ensued, in which the labour members protested against the Government delaying the introduction of the Electoral Reform Bill, which it had repeatedly promised, but had not yet introduced. They blamed the Government for placing syndicate railways and other private measures before it, and hinted that the Government thought it undesirable to introduce the bill at all. The Commonwealth Elections Bill was read the third time. The House then went into committee to resume the debate on the Railway Amendment Act. The leader of the Opposition moved an amendment that the Commissioner's salary be £1500 instead of £2000.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

In the Assembly yesterday the Seed Wheat Bill, providing for an extension of time for repayment of principal, was carried through the final stages. The Crown Lands Bill was further considered in committee, and several new clauses were agreed to. One department of the estimates was dealt with. The House rose at 11.45 p.m. till next day.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PERTH, Wednesday.

The Assembly yesterday affirmed that the Government should arrange for the holding of Circuit Courts in suitable centres, to be presided over by a Supreme Court Judge. In the Legislative Council yesterday the report of the select committee on the Conciliation and Arbitration Bill was received and ordered to be printed. The report, it is understood, is likely to jeopardise the passage of the bill. The Loan Bill was passed through all stages.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, Wednesday.

In reply to a question put in the Legislative Assembly this afternoon with regard to a short prorogation to introduce a bill to abolish the obnoxious meat tax, the Premier stated that until the business of the session was completed the Government could not consider any question of prorogation for the object indicated.

FUNERAL OF HERR KEMPERMANN.

The funeral of the late Herr Peter F. Kempermann (Imperial German Consul-General) took place yesterday at St. Thomas' Cemetery, North Sydney. There was a large and distinguished party present to pay a last tribute of respect to the late representative of Germany. Amongst those present were Rear-Admiral Pearson, the Premier, the representatives of the Lieutenant-Governor and of the Major-General Commanding the Military Forces, and the consuls and vice-consuls of foreign Powers, besides officers of the German warship Moewe and other vessels in port, and representative citizens. Shortly after 3 o'clock the cortege left the late residence of the deceased, Montrose, M'Laren-street, North Sydney, for the place of interment, in the following order:—The band of H.M.S. Royal Arthur; a detachment of men from H.I.G.M.S. Moewe, with shouldered muskets; the hearse, in which was the coffin, covered with the German national flag, on each side of which were four men from the Moewe acting as pallbearers; a carriage with floral tributes; Mr. Meinch, bearing upon a cushion the orders and decorations of the deceased; Pastor Schenk, Acting Consul-General Grunow and members of the German Consulate; the coach bearing the children of deceased; the foreign consuls; the captain and officers of the warship Moewe; captain and officers of the steamship Konigin Luise; a large body of mourners, headed by Rear-Admiral Pearson, Sir William Lyne, and Captain Darley; a detachment of sailors from the Moewe; the carriage of the Lieutenant-Governor, with orderlies; and other carriages. The procession left M'Laren-street to the solemn strains of Chopin's Funeral March, and took its way along Miller-street to Ridge-street, thence by way of West-street to St. Thomas' Cemetery. The cortege was of considerable length, and was most imposing, chiefly by reason of the large number who followed on foot. The streets were lined with people, the crowd being dense as the cemetery was reached.

The service at the grave was conducted by Pastor Schenk, who also delivered an oration.

Amongst those present, in addition to the relatives of the deceased, were his Excellency Rear-Admiral Pearson, Captain H. S. Darley (representing the Lieutenant-Governor), Sir William Lyne, Captain King (representing Major-General French and officers of the staff), M. Voisson (Acting Consul-General for France), Hisakichi Eitaki (Consul for Japan), Dr. Marano (Consul for Italy), Mr. Orlando H. Baker (Consul for the United States of America), Mr. J. T. Tillock (Consul-General for the Argentine Republic), Mr. Theodore A. Bossen (Consul-General for Denmark), Mr. J. E. Paul (Consul for Russia), Mr. Grunow (Acting Consul-General for Germany), Mr. J. C. Ellis (German Consul at Newcastle), Oscar Hellstrom (Consul for Sweden and Norway), Dr. R. Halkett (secretary to the Argentine Consulate), Mr. W. H. Tausch (Acting Consul for Switzerland), Mr. N. H. Paling (Vice-Consul for the Netherlands), Mr. W. J. Macgeorge (Consul for Peru), Dr. Hucho (German Consulate), the secretary and staff of the German Consulate, M. Boivin (secretary to the French Consulate), Mr. E. Langgutti (Consul for Austria and Hungary), Captain Dunbar and officers of H.I.M. warship Moewe, Flag-Lieutenant Stewart and officers from the Australian Squadron, Captain O. Volger and officers of the Norddeutscher Lloyd steamer Konigin Luise, Messrs. R. M. Pitt, Fischer (M'Carron, Stewart, and Co.), E. A. Weinberg, H. Nucken, C. F. Bochler, F. Adams, A. Weber, H. Erhardt, O. Heiliger, Claude Manning, A. P. Bedford, F. Erhard, G. Pfeningwirth, members of the German Club, members of the Club Concordia, Messrs. John Ellis, C. F. Busche, Paul (Paul and Gray), Justus Scharff, A. Stoltenhoff, Peter Biersebank, W. C. B. Tilsy, J. Currie Elles, Louis Roever, O. Bauer, A. G. Milson, H. C. Mitchell (representing Sydney Chamber of Commerce), G. Renz, Rudolf Schneider, Frans Hallmeyer, E. Goldschmidt, C. Meurer, Frederick Erhard, M. David, R. Eutz, W. Langkop, Julius Goldschmidt, Waittkowski, C. R. Blain, W. H. Tauch, D. H. Scott (representing Commercial Banking Company), H. W. Henderson (German-Australian Steamship Company), W. H. Roths, W. de Haas, Hermann Haege, Max Bahrow, Alfred Wunderlich, Ernest Wunderlich, Dr. Otto Wunderlich, Louis Roever, T. Funck, C. F. Boche, R. Schriener, A. C. Laman, James M. Banks, C. R. Unteusch, Karl Weidemann, C. Radicke, M. Langkop, Percy S. Chapman, Herman Simon, Karl Deotsch, I. Sasse, Walter Haas, F. W. Walker, H. Nucken, E. A. Weinberg, and many others.

Wreaths were sent by the following:—Mrs. Ellis, Miss Bahlsen, Mr. and Mrs. Grunow-Lacombe, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lohman, the North German Lloyd Company, Mr. and Mrs. Bochler, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bauer, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Milson, Mr. and Mrs. Klussendorff, Mr. and Mrs. Justus Scharff, members of the firm of Justus Scharff, Mr. Rudolf Schneider, Mr. and Mrs. Weinbig, Verein Concordia, Captain Dunbar (of the Moewe), Mr. and Mrs. Franki, Mrs. R. M. Pitt, Gesang-Verein Germania, officers of the Moewe, Messrs. Paul and Gray, Mr. Claude Manning, Sir Joseph and Lady Abbott, Mrs. W. A. Manning and children, Mrs. Eugene von Treskow, Dr. and Mrs. C. D. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weinberg, Miss Stoltenhoff, Mr. Heinrich Haege, the officers of the Konigin Luise, Mr. W. Brown (Consul for Chili), Mr. and Miss Beinesen, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Schmellitscheck, the German-Australian Steamship Company, Limited, the staff of the German Consulate, Miss Bliss Pringle, Dr. Heicho, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Weber, Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Wolff, Consul J. C. Ellis (Newcastle), the committee of the German Benevolent Society, and Mr. and Mrs. Dubois.

At the several consulates flags were at half-mast, and at the chief city offices. A notice of the death was posted in the Merchants' Exchange, where also the colours were lowered. In every part of the harbour the same tribute of respect was in evidence.

Many of the wreaths and floral emblems were supplied by Messrs. Searl and Sons and Messrs. Pearce Brothers.

To build up a good constitution and give you a good complexion drink Nicholls' Dandelion Ale.—Advt.

NEWCASTLE.

A FATAL BLASTING ACCIDENT.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

A miner named Isaac Hutchison, lately residing at Croudace-street, Lambton, died in the Wallsend Mining District Hospital at an early hour this morning from the effects of injuries received by a blasting accident on Friday last. The deceased was employed by the Scottish Australian Mining Company, and at the time of the accident was engaged in sinking an air shaft on the Lambton Colliery Estate. It appears that whilst he was tamping a shot of gunpowder the charge suddenly exploded, with the result that he was burnt about the face and the hands. He was at once removed to the Wallsend Hospital, and upon examination was found to be suffering severely from shock to the system. He never rallied, and died at 12.30 this morning. The city coroner held an inquest on the body at the Lambton Arms Hotel, Lambton, this afternoon. The jury, in accordance with the medical testimony, returned a verdict to the effect that death was due to exhaustion consequent on shock to the system caused by an accidental explosion of a charge of gunpowder used by the deceased for the purposes of blasting.

NEWCASTLE HOSPITAL.

The monthly meeting of the general committee of the Newcastle Hospital was held in the boardroom at the institution to-night. The president (Mr. C. H. Hannell) occupied the chair. A letter was received from the president forwarding a cheque for the sum of £450 0s 6d, being the net proceeds of the hospital benefit race meeting organised by him in aid of the funds of the institution. The announcement was received with applause, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Hannell. The financial statement for the month of October showed that the receipts totalled £716 10s 4d, made up as follows:—Subscriptions and donations, including £450 0s 6d received from the president, £462 18s 9d; fees of patients, £130 7s 9d; and Government subsidy for quarter ended June 30, £123 3s 10d. The expenditure on all accounts of maintenance amounted to £245 14s 5d, and there was a balance to the credit of the hospital of £892 18s 4d. A sum of £200 had been placed at fixed deposit, and a further sum of £500 would be similarly deposited this month. The financial position of the institution had never been more satisfactory than at present. The statement was adopted, and members of the committee expressed gratification at the sound condition of the finances. A communication was received from a committee of residents of the tea gardens, Port Stephens, enclosing the sum of £12, realised by a hospital ball recently held in that district. The building committee presented a progress report, which stated that the work of constructing the proposed remodelled hospital and nurses' home was well in hand, and that the foundations of the new buildings had been completed.

A STEAMER FROM CHINA.

The steamer Kirkhill, from China, via Japan, arrived in port early this morning, but she does not bring any late news of importance respecting the situation in the East. The Kirkhill left Melbourne a few months ago with a shipment of 231 horses consigned to the German Imperial authorities at Kiao-chau. A fair passage was experienced, and only nine horses were lost. The animals were landed by means of lighters, and no information was obtained as to the progress of hostilities. Upon discharging the Kirkhill proceeded to the British port of Wei-hai-wei. There were several battleships in the harbour at the time of the visit, but no troops were seen. Everything was quiet in the district. The steamer subsequently left for Taku, but she was moored at such a distance from the forts that nothing was seen. The boom of cannon was occasionally heard. After leaving Taku a call was made at Nagasaki, Japan, where the steamer's bunkers were replenished with coal, and she then came on to Newcastle. The Kirkhill is berthed at Stockton, and Captain Sutherland is at present awaiting instructions as to her future movements.

THE VICTORIA THEATRE.

An excellent concert and limelight entertainment in aid of the charities of the district were given by Messrs. G. H. Hall and T. Simon in the Victoria Theatre to-night. The house was packed to its utmost capacity in every part, the audience numbering over 1500 persons. The programme was a lengthy and varied one, and about 20 well-known local vocalists and elocutionists took part. One of the principal features of the entertainment was a clever performance by Mr. William Bennett, of Sydney, who introduced a number of novelties never before witnessed on the local stage. The entertainment was brought to a conclusion by a cinematographic display.

THE COAL EXPORT TRADE.

The ship E. J. Spicer sailed to-day for Panama with 1905 tons of coal from the West Wallsend colliery; the steamer Dunearn left for Calcutta, via Sydney, with 1000 tons of coal, and the steamer Elsmang took her departure for Samarang with 1000 tons; the four-masted barque Duchalburn cleared at the Custom-house to-day for San Francisco with 3104 tons of Greta coal; and the barque Edryfael cleared for Iquique with 1650 tons of Duckenfield coal.

In the intercolonial trade the steamer Age sailed to-day for Port Pirie, via Adelaide, with 3180 tons of coal; the steamer Era left for Adelaide, via Sydney, with 3500 tons; and the steamer Waikare left for Wellington, via Sydney, with 750 tons of coal and 30 tons of coke.

THE DISCOVERY OF A BODY.

The City Coroner conducted a magisterial inquiry at the Clarendon Hotel to-day into the circumstances surrounding the death of a man named James Greig, 56 years of age, whose body was found yesterday afternoon in an outhouse at the rear of an unoccupied boot factory at Islington. Dr. Harris, Government Medical Officer, who made a post-mortem examination of the body, deposed that death was due to syncope. The evidence tended to show that deceased was married, but had been living apart from his family, and that for some time prior to his death he had no fixed place of abode. A verdict of death from natural causes was recorded.

Mr. G. N. Roche, assistant C.P.S. at Orange, has been appointed to a similar position at Newcastle vice Mr. C. C. Weston, now on active service with the Bushmen's Contingent in South Africa. Mr. W. T. Dawson, senior clerk at the Newcastle City Court, has been promoted to the position of clerk of petty sessions at White Cliffs, and will leave here on Friday next.

A consignment of 20,000ft. of hardwood timber was despatched to Wellington, New Zealand, to-day by the steamship Waikare.

A meeting of ladies was held in the Wallsend Council-chambers this afternoon, at which arrangements were completed for local collections on Benevolent Saturday, December 1 next.

A moonlight excursion in connection with the Mayfield branch of the Young Peoples Society of the Christian Endeavour took place this evening.

The pupils attending the Public school at Stockton were entertained at a picnic at Tomago, on the Hunter River, to-day.

The Federal Encampment, or fancy fair, in aid of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, was brought to a conclusion in the grounds of the institution this evening. A substantial sum has been realised.

Under the auspices of the Carrington School of Arts a pleasant moonlight excursion was made to-night. The City Band was engaged for the occasion.

The Newcastle Ministers' Association will at its next meeting discuss a proposal for the establishment of branch refreshment rooms, coffee and cocoa rooms, and workmen's public-houses on lines adopted in England.

VICTORIAN WOOL SALES.

ANOTHER FALL IN PRICES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

When the wool season opened here three weeks ago at prices showing a fall of from 45 to 55 per cent. on the highest rates of last year it was thought that at last the lowest point had been reached. Unfortunately, however, this was not the case. For several days there have been occasional signs of weakness, which to-day developed into a distinct fall. Compared with the opening rates of three weeks ago there was a fall of ½d to ¾d per lb. on all kinds of greasy merino wool. To-day's selection was distinctly better than it has been lately, and sound, well grown, useful Riverina merino wools predominated. For these there was good competition from both Yorkshire and the Continent. This, however, did not prevent the fall above-quoted. Attention was several times drawn to the extraordinary anomaly that the Continent, which normally buys about 60 per cent. of our wool, was a week or two ago buying practically nothing. Yorkshire and local men had to take practically everything. This, obviously, could not last. Either the Continent had to move up to the market level or the market level had to come down to the Continental level. It is the latter which to some extent has happened, though even now the adjustment is not complete. Out of 2979 bales sold to-day the Continent secured about 900 bales, exclusive of star lots. Of course this is not anything like its proper proportion, but still larger than during the earlier sales. Including private ones to-day's sales amount to 3167 bales.

TOWN HALL ORGAN RECITALS.

The City Organist opened his recital at the Town Hall yesterday afternoon with Rheinberger's "Sonata in F Sharp," a composition written with a thorough knowledge of the instrument. Mr. Ernest Truman played this piece in the musicianly style it demanded, and he also rendered Guilmant's "Marche Funebre et Chant Seraphique," a familiar but beautiful piece of music. Scotson Clarke's "Chorus of Angels," which followed, allots the choral theme to vox humana and reeds, whilst silvery cascades of sound are furnished in the descending passages of the flute. This effect is probably the secret of its popularity. Mr. Truman played a splendid fantasia on "Tannhauser," including the "Pilgrims' March," with sonorous tuba effects, "O Star of Eve," and other themes. Mrs. Ernest Truman was warmly encored for Liddle's "Abide with Me," Miss Mary Robinson played brilliantly "The Trout" (Heller-Schubert), and Mr. Henry Weir contributed songs by Chaminade and Moir in his best manner. The body of the hall was free, and there was accordingly a considerable attendance. There will be a special "Truman" programme on Saturday night.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The Executive Council has approved of the payment of the sum of £650 to the widow of the late Mr. R. Robertson, Under-Secretary for Works. This sum represents a year's salary, to which the widow is entitled under Act 63.

The Government has decided to adhere to the treaty of friendship, commerce, and navigation, between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Honduras.

At the Police Court at Windorah yesterday, a Chinaman was sentenced to six months' gaol for supplying blacks with opium.

A Mareeba message states that it is expected that the railway line will be through to Chillagoe by Christmas. Plate-laying is now proceeding at the rate of three miles a week.

The Tyson succession duty case was continued today, when further evidence was taken. The commission from Sydney and Melbourne was read in support of the Crown's contentions that Felton was always regarded as the home of Mr. Tyson.

A special meeting of the Cabinet was held to-day to discuss certain lines of railway proposed to be constructed by the State. Some of these lines will, in all probability, be submitted to Parliament during the current week. The whole of those proposed to be built by the State will most likely be tabled within the next three weeks.

NEW ZEALAND.

MINING FATALITY AT OTAGO.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

Mr. Scott (manager of the sluicing company) and Tobin and Lowe (miners) were killed at Skippers, a mining township in Otago, while shifting some debris in a tunnel.

MELBOURNE RACING FESTIVITIES.

BALL AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The ball at Government House to-night was a gay and crowded affair, the corridor and drawing-rooms being filled with sitters-out, who overflowed from a ball-room where little dancing was possible. The vice-regal party entered at half-past 9, and the first set was formed at once. The buffet was open all the evening, and the regular supper room, where the decorations were of pale-yellow, was thrown open at 11. The following composed the opening set:—The Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Shiels, the President of the Legislative Council and Lady Madden, Major-General Downes and Miss Ruby Madden, Sir Frederick Sargood and Miss Leely Madden, Dr. Carty Salmon and Mrs. Outtrim, Mr. F. L. Outtrim and Mrs. Carty Salmon, Captain Rich (of the visiting Ringarooma) and Mrs. Downes, the Mayor of Melbourne (Sir Malcolm M'Eacharn) and Lady Sargood.

Lady Madden wore a lovely gown of ivory satin over petticoat thickly flounced with chiffon, and carried a large bouquet of white azaleas. Miss Ruby Madden covered her white silk with an overdress of black chiffon, embroidered in jet and silver. Miss Leely Madden gave a touch of brilliant colour to her gown of black embroidered net by a large scarlet bouquet. The bodice of this gown was cut back diagonally to show the corsage of white gathered chiffon over white silk. Janet Lady Clarke wore one of the new skirts, flaring at the foot, of ivory satin duchesse, embroidered with gold sequins interlaced with a slender design in black sequins and diamonds. Miss Mary Clarke wore white chiffon over white satin; Lady Sargood, pearl grey satin, brocaded with black with coquilles of fine black lace; Lady Harris, reseda and black brocade with an apron front of fine white lace, passementerie on the bodice; Lady M'Mahon, white with a scarf of Oriental embroidery; Lady Wrixon, white satin with large bows of pale blue velvet and diamond ornaments; Lady Turner, white silk with overdress appliqued in large design in black; Mrs. Dyce Murphy, black satin duchesse with an overskirt of black chiffon sewn with black sequins; Mrs. Wesley Hall, eau de nil satin, covered all over with a scroll design in paste sequins; Mrs. Simon Fraser, black brocade, with bertha of white lace, irridescent embroidery; Mrs. Herring, white satin and chiffon; Mrs. Scanlan, black and silver embroidered net over black satin; Miss Scanlan, white satin with thick flouncings of silk blonde and lilies of the valley; Mrs. Claud Macdonald, a closely fitting gown of cream satin, elaborately embroidered with large opal sequins and gold beads; Miss Ethel Fitzgerald, white satin with chiffon fichu and a cluster of roses; Mrs. Harry Levy, vieux rose satin with open work insertions of lace, gold edged; Mrs. J. A. Isaacs, white brocade, with striking design in vivid blue; Mrs. Staughton, steel grey brocade with a finish of white lace; Mrs. Robert Harper, a black gown embroidered with steel and jet; Mrs. Hodges, pale green satin with silver embroidery; Mrs. Montgomery Severs, white satin and chiffon, with a spray of pink roses; Mrs. Scanlan, a pale-yellow silk bodice composed of folds of satin of the same tint, with rose-point lace sleeves and bertha.

Most of the foreign consuls were present, and many official people. Others present were Mrs. Stephen, sen., Mrs. and Miss Levien, Professor and Mrs. Allen, Mr. Guy Madden, Colonel and Mrs. Bingham, Mrs. Gilbert Wilson, Mr. Septimus Miller, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Higgins, Mr. Cuthbert, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Clarke, Mr. Slattery, Mr. Robert Harper, Mrs. Travers, Mrs. and Miss Joshua, Mr. Godfrey Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Miller, Mr. S. Osborne, Colonel Hunt, Captain Nuttall, Mr. and Mrs. G. Fairfax, Mr. and Mrs. Cruickshank, Mr. Shiels, and Judge and Mrs. Molesworth.

LADY SARGOOD'S GARDEN PARTY.

Sir Frederick and Lady Sargood gave a garden party in their extensive and beautiful grounds this afternoon. Besides its lawn and shrubberies, Rippon Lea boasts of a whole series of tiny lakelets thickly sown with aquatic plants, and inhabited by waterfowl. The rustic bridges were crossed and recrossed, and the ferneries haunted by chatting groups the whole time. Lady Sargood, assisted by Sir Frederick Sargood, received on the centre lawn. Other members of the family present were Mr. Herbert Sargood and Miss Charlotte Sargood. Lady Sargood wore a rich black brocaded silk voile, appliqued with jet, with a magpie-chiffon ruffle with long black ends, and sequin toque with white choux. Miss Charlotte Sargood was in ivory lustre, with sailor collar and cuffs of black satin overlaid with narrow duchess point, and a large white hat. Choice refreshments were served in a marquee, and a concert, in three parts, was given in the ball-room. The room was in a soft twilight, and the stage lighting was arranged by concealed electroliers. The foliage plants were deftly massed so as to blend into the vista depicted on the scene painter's screens. The professional musicians were—Mrs. Trantham Fryer, Miss Lucy Bristow, Herr Hattenbach, Mr. J. A. Dunlop, and Mr. Gibbs Jordan. Among the guests were—Sir Malcolm M'Eacharn, Major-General and Mrs. Downes, Mr. E. G. Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Walter Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Inglis, Mrs. Sylvester Browne, Mrs. Holroyd, Judge and Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. I. A. Isaacs, Mrs. Harry Levy, Dr. Bevan, Mrs. J. M. Bruce, the Hon. F. S. and Mrs. Grimwade, Miss Grimwade, Mrs. Charles Officer, Mrs. Henry Cave, Mrs. James Murphy, Mrs. Harry Emerton, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Gilbert Wilson, Mrs. (Justice) Hood, Mrs. Lecper, Mrs. Robert Harper, Mrs. F. G. Hughes, Colonel and Mrs. Couchman, Colonel and Mrs. Bingham, Mrs. Alfred Cornish, Mr. Paxton, Mrs. Arthur Moule, Mrs. Dunbar Hooper, Mrs. Maudsley, Mrs. Lewis Kiddle.

VICTORIAN POLITICS.

MEETING OF THE OPPOSITION.

A MAJORITY ASSURED.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The members of the Opposition party met in caucus at Parliament House this evening. There were 48 members of the party in attendance, and apologies were received from three other members, who were out of town. Thus the party hold 51 seats out of 95, of which the Assembly consists. Mr. D. V. Hennessy, the newly-elected member for Carlton South, attended as a visitor to explain that though he had promised his constituents he would support Mr. M'Lean's Government, yet he was with Sir George Turner in his proposal to hold a convention to reform the Constitution, and he also desired to see the Liberal party reunited. One matter of surprise in connection with the caucus was the attendance of Mr. T. Bent, who ousted Mr. Moule as the member for Brighton. Mr. Bent had been classed as a Ministerialist, but he explained that the action of the Minister for Railways in sending a telegram to Mr. Moule, stating that a new station would be erected at Sandringham in the Brighton Electorate, was regarded by him as a hostile act by the Government with regard to his candidature.

Sir George Turner was unanimously re-elected leader, and he is confident of leading the party to victory next week. It was decided to leave the question of Speakership as open one. Several members declared that they could not support the late Speaker, Mr. Mason. Sir George Turner was authorised to attack the Government as soon as possible. It is probable that he will move an amendment on the Address in Reply on Wednesday to the effect that it is desirable to hold a convention to deal with reform of the Constitution. He expects to have a majority of seven or eight.

SPREAD OF THE EARTH-EATING DISEASE.

GERALDTON, Wednesday.

Dr. MacDonald, resident surgeon of the Geraldton Hospital, asserts that the disease known in North Queensland as the earth-eating disease is assuming serious proportions at Geraldton and other northern towns between Cooktown and Townsville, extending nearly as far south as Brisbane. Dangerous results, he says, must ensue if immediate steps are not taken to suppress it, especially among the children attending the Public schools. He is now treating a large number of cases, in some of which whole families are affected. He is convinced that the disease is more dangerous than the plague, enteric fever, or malaria. He recommends the authorities to cause immediate inquiries to be made with a view of the appointment of a Royal Commission.

THE PREMIER AT SUMMER HILL.

THE ASHFIELD ELECTION.

ACTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

THE MILITARY INQUIRY.

The Premier (Sir William Lyne) spoke last night at a meeting held by Mr. J. W. Watkin in the Masonic Hall, Summer Hill. Mr. P. J. Donnelly presided.

Sir William Lyne entered the hall shortly before 9 o'clock, and his appearance was greeted with prolonged cheering. On rising to speak he was again loudly cheered. He said he had to thank Mr. Watkin for referring to the fact that he was fairly hard worked. He had come out to Summer Hill at some inconvenience, because the House was sitting; but he felt, as Mr. Reid had been out, he was called upon to follow him and put straight what had been erroneously stated by that gentleman. He was there to support Mr. Watkin's candidature. He had known Mr. Watkin for many years, and there was no better or finer man in this community. He spoke from personal knowledge of him extending over many years, and he hoped Ashfield would put him in the Parliament of this country. He would refer to one or two matters which required to be put straight, and he would begin with the military committee at present sitting. There were but few who knew the origin of that committee, and he was going to tell it. They were aware that the Government had no easy time in dealing with the question of sending the contingents to South Africa, but the matter was taken up with spirit and, he hoped he might be permitted to say, carried out with ability. No sooner had they sent away the last contingent than there were serious rumours going about in a mysterious way against the Government, in a covert way attacking the character of one of the most prominent members of the Government—not openly, but hinting that a swindle had been perpetrated. He at once set to work to ascertain the truth of it, and found there was not one scintilla of truth in it. In the debate on the Address in Reply some members of the Opposition made some covert insinuations against the Government. He produced certain papers regarding one matter in question, showing there was no truth in the statement. Afterwards statements were made that the Government had used its power in the selection of men and officers in a way it should not have done. When it was suggested by Mr. Smith, who had been to South Africa, that an inquiry should be held, and when he moved for a select committee, the Government, instead of refusing it, courted a full inquiry. If they had refused a select committee it would have been said the Government were afraid to let the light of day shine on the facts, because they were in the wrong. In the investigation of military matters it would as a rule be better to have an investigation nominated by the Government, but in this particular case he would have been accused of having nominated persons who would have hidden anything that ought to be laid bare regarding the Ministry. That was how the committee came to be appointed. Mr. Reid had condemned the appointment of the committee. He knew Mr. Reid well. If he (the Premier) had not done it, Mr. Reid would have driven the knife into him for not having done it. Mr. Reid had said the committee had done one good thing—it had thrown light on the backstairs influence that had led to the appointment of officers. He defied Mr. Reid from the evidence produced before the committee to show one instance where the Government used its power for that purpose. In the evidence given by Major-General French regarding appointments, he said no influence was brought to bear upon him by the Government. He had a letter in his hand from a member of the committee, in which the writer gave the statement as being made by Mr. Reid shortly after the appointment of the military committee. The writer said Mr. Reid informed him that he was glad the committee had been appointed—(laughter)—and that he should like very much to be a member of the committee—(renewed laughter)—as he had been informed by a very high authority that most important revelations would be made, and it was time that a thorough inquiry should be made. (Laughter.) Now Mr. Reid came forward and said there had been backstairs influence, and he had named the appointment of Colonel Mackay. After the Second and Third Contingents had gone the Government had great difficulty in getting officers. He sent a cable home because he did not know whom to place in charge of the Bushmen, and he asked for an Imperial officer then in the colony. This was refused. Then he asked for someone else, but could not obtain the services of any other officer. Major-General French had asked the Imperial Government to let him go, but that had been refused, as the Home Government held that his services were required here. Having been refused so many times, he cabled home that the only man he knew of was the president of his own Executive Council, Colonel Mackay, and he was sorry to lose him. He received a reply accepting the services of Colonel Mackay, and he had since received more than half a dozen cables from Lord Roberts downwards testifying to the conduct of Colonel Mackay—(loud cheers)—and the efficiency of his men. He knew that the people of the country would justify him in that action. The same course had been taken in New Zealand with regard to a military inquiry, with the exception that the committee had sat with closed doors. In New Zealand they did not admit the press, and that was the only difference between their inquiry and ours. After the way in which the Government had been challenged the only course to take was to have an inquiry of the most searching character. (Cheers.) Mr. Reid had referred to the expenditure in connection with the plague. Mr. Reid had said he would like to be able to refer to the Auditor-General's queries in reference to the thousands of pounds spent over the plague. If he got that, said Mr. Reid, he would lift a curtain and horrify the people of this country. He had inquired from the Treasury about this statement, asking what these queries were. The reply was, "Not a single query has been received from the Auditor-General on the subject." (Cheers.) They all remembered the state of feeling that existed in Sydney some months back regarding the plague, how little they knew of it and how the scare damaged the trade of the port. He was at his wits' end to know what course to take, because he did not have that assistance from municipal authorities that he thought he should have had, and he had no one in whom he could place responsibility. He took his own course, and he stood to lose a lot if he failed. He felt that there must be some means of coping with the outbreak. His first object was to find a man to cope with it. He sent for Mr. M'Credie, a political opponent of his, and he took the work and risked his life courageously in his work. Mr. M'Credie came out of it with flying colours. The wages paid to the men were high, but they had to pay high wages, for the men risked their lives. He could not bargain with men for 6s, 7s, or 8s a day in a case like that. He was not going to let money stand in the way of ridding the city of the plague. (Cheers.) Mr. Reid had said that thousands of pounds had been paid over the signature of one man without check. If he (Sir William Lyne) could not trust Mr. M'Credie whom was he to trust? Except a few mistakes there was nothing they need blush over. The plague had been stamped out at a small cost, and the result would be prosperity for this country instead of loss. (Cheers.) With regard to the Early Closing Act he was proud of having taken part in an Act that had liberated and emancipated a large number of people in our midst, and he hoped his name would be remembered by that Act. He did not mean to say the Act was not hard upon some. No law of this kind could avoid being hard upon some, but unless they had some hour for closing they might as well give up an Early Closing Act altogether. If there was anything he felt proud of it was in having done something to lift up the weaker part of our population. Mr. Reid had referred to Mr. O'Sullivan as having held up his officers to scorn. Mr. O'Sullivan would be the last man in the world to do so, but when an officer's report was opposed to the policy of the Government, the policy of the Government would have to rule. Mr. Osborne's letter published in the "Herald," giving credit to Mr. Wise for the improvements made in the conditions under which Civil servants work, was quoted by the Premier, who added that he was going to do more for the Civil servants. In the grading, men who had been 20 or 30 years in the service were reduced to salaries below a living wage. He hoped when the additional Estimates were submitted he would be able to do something more for the Public servants. In reference to the Police Superannuation Fund, last year they placed £14,000 to its credit, and this year they had the same. He intended to enable the Inspector-General to retire those who ought to be retired on their pensions. That would be carried out as soon as money was available. He would have done this before only he had had nearly £400,000 extra expenditure this year. A deputation of Civil servants had waited upon him, and made very sensible proposals to go out of the fund on terms favourable to the Government. In three years' time the money would be exhausted, and Parliament would have to find the money for it. But he would carry out this scheme to the extent of £190,000, because it was a good scheme for the Government, and there would be that much less money to find in three years' time. With regard to the reception of the Governor-General and Mr. Reid's remarks, it was acknowledged that the Prime Minister was the proper person to receive the Governor-General. (Cheers.) Though it had not been an easy task to get the permanent residence of the Governor-General in Sydney, that was now to be the case—as it should be. He regretted that they could not meet the claims of Sydney to be the capital, but the 100-miles limit put that out of the question. But Mr. Reid was very much to blame for that 100-miles limit. (Hear, hear.) They had agreed to the federal compact, and could not go back upon it. He was not to blame because the old-age pensions were not passed. Mr. Reid was in office for five years and never passed that bill; but he (Sir William Lyne) would proceed with that measure the following day. Mr. Reid had blamed him for not proceeding with the Women's Franchise Bill. That bill was now introduced, and he would move its second reading on Friday. Mr. Reid spoke 22 hours on finance at the beginning of the session, other members were talkative, and so the Government could not be blamed for not having these measures more forward. Notwithstanding this, the Government had passed useful measures which should have been passed years ago. Regarding the resumption of the Rocks and Darling Harbour, upon which Mr. Reid had twitted him, there was a consensus of opinion that it was time something should be done with those places. The resumption would be a favourable financial transaction for the country, besides greatly improving the city and the wharfage facilities. Mr. Reid insinuated that the city railway was being pushed forward because the Ashfield seat was in danger. (Laughter.) It did not look like it. He referred the smaller scheme of extension to take in the High School to the Public Committee, and, legally, he could not do it in any other way. As the committee had not recommended that scheme, he was about to submit another scheme to the committee. He had endeavoured to do it in another way, but when he put the notice on the business paper for the larger scheme, intending to alter it to the smaller scheme, the Speaker ruled it out of order. He would not take Hyde Park. What more could he have done? He had been trying to carry out a city railway extension ever since he had been in office, and he intended to do the best he possibly could in this matter. He hoped Mr. Watkin would be returned as the representative of the district. (Cheers.)

Mr. Archer, M.L.A., also spoke.

THE ASHFIELD PARLIAMENTARY VACANCY.

NOMINATIONS.

Yesterday was nomination day for the Ashfield Parliamentary vacancy. Two nominations were received by the returning officer (Mr. H. P. Palser), viz., Frederick Earl Winchcombe, wool merchant, 37 Victoria-street, Ashfield; and John Wesley Watkin, auctioneer, 4 Albert-terrace, Ashfield. The poll will be taken on Saturday at the Ashfield Hall, Ashfield; a shop in Edwin-street, Croydon; Carlton Hall, Summer Hill; and the Queen's Hall, Sydney, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

MR. F. E. WINCHCOMBE'S CANDIDATURE.

A meeting of the electors of Ashfield was held at the Parish Hall, Bland-street, Ashfield, last night, when Mr. F. E. Winchcombe addressed the gathering in support of his candidature. Mr. Winchcombe was supported by Mr. J. A. Hogue, M.L.A., who referred to the representation of the electorate by Mr. Wise. He strongly urged those who were in favour of the return of a freetrader for a freetrade seat, and who desired to have as their representative a man in close touch with the electorate and progressive legislation, to record their votes in favour of Mr. Winchcombe.

Mr. Winchcombe sketched the policy which he considered would meet the approval of the majority of the electors of Ashfield, and explained his views on several public and local matters.

A vote of confidence was carried on the motion of Mr. J. P. Gray, seconded by Alderman G. H. Pike.

MR. J. W. WATKIN'S CANDIDATURE.

THE PREMIER IN SUPPORT.

A largely attended meeting of residents of Ashfield was addressed by Mr. Watkin and the Premier (Sir W. J. Lyne) in support of the former's candidature in the Masonic Hall, Summer Hill, last night. Mr. P. J. Donnelly presided, and there were on the platform Messrs. W. Archer, M.L.A., Alderman W. E. V. Robson, Alderman E. C. V. Broughton, M. Smith, M. Hammond, and others.

Mr. Watkin referred to some of the matters dealt with by Mr. G. H. Reid at Ashfield recently. The contest at Ashfield was, he said, a straightforward fight between the Government and the Opposition. He (Mr. Watkin) had declared himself at the outset a Government supporter. He did not question the sincerity of the Government regarding the city railway.

The Premier then addressed the meeting. A report of his speech is given in another column.

MR. WISE AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The following is an extract from a letter received by the Attorney-General from Mr. Robert Hollis, general secretary Loco. Engine Drivers, Firemen, and Cleaners' Association (October 30, 1900):—"Permit me, on behalf of this association and myself, to express the sincerest admiration of the sacrifice you are making at this all-important juncture in resigning your seat in the Legislative Assembly and accepting a seat in the Legislative Council. The Government of which you have the honour to be so important a member is also to be congratulated upon its evident thoroughness and determination to force its measures through, especially the Arbitration Bill, which will ever be a monument of your magnificent and liberal efforts; and we all sincerely trust that the success which attended them in the Assembly may be repeated in the Council, and that the bill will pass that body intact."

RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS.

In connection with the Ashfield election on Saturday, the Railway Department announce that arrangements have been made to allow workmen's tickets from Croydon, Ashfield, and Summer Hill to be available by the train leaving Croydon at 8.18 a.m., Ashfield at 8.20 a.m., and Summer Hill at 8.23 a.m. The arrangement is made so that workmen, if they wish to vote at the opening of the poll, may do so; but, no doubt, most of them will prefer to vote on their return home in the afternoon.

THE NORTH CHILLAGOE INQUIRY.

EVIDENCE BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The inquiry by Judge Mansfield into the circumstances attending certain alterations in the report of Mr. Benjamin Dunstan, Assistant Government Geologist, as published in the prospectus of the North Chillagoe Company, was continued in the District Court yesterday when Mr. W. H. Rands, the Government Geologist, was examined. Witness stated that he was asked certain questions in connection with the prospectus as to particular classes of ore. A Government official should not be asked to put such details into a Government report. The morning after the interview with Mr. Duffy witness received a letter dated February 12 from Mr. Duffy, to which he made no answer. To the best of his belief he showed the letter to the Under Secretary and to Mr. Marshall and other people outside. Witness considered that as no alteration asked for had been made the matter was at an end, so far as the department was concerned. He received two copies of the prospectus of the company from Mr. Marshall Moore, of Sydney, on September 11. On that or the following day Mr. Dunstan came into the office and showed the alterations which had been made in the report in the proof of the prospectus. Witness gave Mr. Dunstan one of the prospectuses and instructed him to go through it, marking the alterations in red. This was done, and the prospectus was returned in the afternoon. Witness showed the prospectus thus altered to Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Philp, who decided that a letter should be written to the papers stating that such alterations had been made, and witness drafted this letter, and consulted the Crown Solicitor the following day. The letter was submitted to Mr. Philp, who was satisfied with it. Witness met Messrs. Brentnall, Archibald, and Philp at Parliament House that evening. This letter was subsequently sent to the press by Mr. Brentnall and Mr. Archibald, who were provisional directors. Witness stated that at a meeting at the Under-Secretary's office when the whole matter was discussed, Mr. Jessop, chairman of the Admiral Sampson Company, said that Mr. Dunstan's report was ordered to be put in the prospectus in full, and that he did not know of the alteration until after the matter had been brought up by the department. All those connected with the property who were present made similar statements. Witness thought Mr. Duffy also made the same statement. Witness continuing said that he thought that the alterations made in the prospectus would give a misleading idea to people likely to invest in the mine. In his opinion it was a good mine according to Mr. Dunstan's report.

Mr. A. G. Macdonald, Under-Secretary for Mines, said that during the conversation in June relating to the establishment of a school of mines at Charters Towers, Mr. Dunstan mentioned that he had been offered the management of the North Chillagoe mine at £1100. Witness said that Mr. Dunstan had probably done well in refusing it, as witness was not favourably impressed with the company from the nature of the questions they had submitted, also from the fact that an improper overture of some sort had been made to Mr. Rands. Mr. Dunstan here explained that the conversation referred to the Admiral Sampson, and not to the North Chillagoe Company. Mr. Macdonald said that in February last Mr. Rands called at the office of witness stating that he had received an offer of shares in the Admiral Sampson Company. Witness agreed with Mr. Rands that the offer was a foolish and impudent one. The communication was not made officially, nor did witness think it necessary to treat it as such. The date of Mr. Duffy's letter was subsequent to the refusal by the Minister to add to or in any way alter Mr. Dunstan's report.

Mr. T. Coventry, mining practitioner, deposed that he received proofs of the printed prospectuses on August 13, to be initialled and sent back as correct by the provisional directors. Witness received the published prospectus about the middle of August. Witness first knew of the alteration when he read the letter in the press.

The inquiry was continued to-day. The Hons. F. T. Brentnall and John Archibald, M.L.C., were examined. Mr. Brentnall stated that on May 18 last he declined to assist in the flotation of the company, but two or three weeks later, after being again approached, he went more fully into the reports by Mr. Jack and Mr. Dunstan, and concluded that he might without fear associate himself with the company as a provisional director. He had already consulted Mr. Archibald about joining the company, and being satisfied that the properties were of value they agreed to join the company on August 27. Had he been aware of the previous correspondence he would have been more cautious. When the prospectus of the North Chillagoe Mines came up from Sydney he took it for granted that it was an exact copy of the report by Mr. Dunstan previously submitted to him. He was subsequently informed that a number of alterations were made. He then compared it with Mr. Dunstan's report.

Mr. Archibald gave somewhat similar evidence, also stating that he had no knowledge of any alteration having taken place in the copied report.

Mr. Dunstan, Assistant Government Geologist, stated that he made no suggestion whatever as to the alteration of the report.

Mr. T. Coventry made a further statement, in which he said that assays from the stone taken from a certain property returned an average of over 3dwt. per ton. As there was copper in it of an average of 7 per cent. and several ounces of silver per ton the gold would be wholly profitable. Witness declined to produce a letter from Mr. Marshall Moore, received early in July, which was marked "Private and confidential." He asserted that there was nothing in the letter that would interest the public.

The commission then adjourned until fresh witnesses are available.

At the Masonic Hall last night the pupils of Mrs. Lyons and Miss Rose Lyons gave an exhibition of fancy dancing followed by a fancy dress ball in aid of the Children's Hospital. About 100 children took part. A large number of visitors were also present, and it is expected that the hospital will benefit to the extent of £20 by the entertainment.

THE CITY RAILWAY.

DEPUTATION TO MR. O'SULLIVAN.

The Minister for Works (Mr. O'Sullivan) was waited upon at Parliament House yesterday by a deputation from the committee of the City Railway Alliance, who desired to enter a protest against the intended building of the Devonshire-street railway station and the construction of the projected tramways down Pitt and Castlereagh streets. The Attorney-General (Mr. Wise) was also in attendance. The deputation stated that they especially objected to the undertaking being carried out in a piecemeal manner, and urged that some definite scheme, both as regards the city railway and the question of tramway construction, should be decided upon by the Government before any work was commenced. They approved of a city railway scheme which, if carried out in its entirety, would meet with the approval of the great majority of travellers. At the same time they strongly objected to the Devonshire-street railway station as a separate undertaking. It was thought that if a city railway was built the money spent on the tramways would be thrown away, as the tramways would not be required as well as the railway. They were confident that the extension of the tramways down the streets mentioned would tend to block the carrying out of the extension of the Redfern railway lines into the city. It was stated that a number of country members were opposed to the city railway, and that the expenditure of something like £650,000 on a partial scheme would give them a reason for voting against the city railway. They therefore desired to impress upon the Minister for Works the necessity of carrying out a city railway scheme. It was mentioned that, whilst they did not disapprove altogether of the proposed circular extension scheme, they were more in favour of the original Hyde Park proposal. But so many plans had been proposed and had fallen through that they were not at all certain that any one of them was likely to be carried out. The attention of the Minister was called to the fact that the Public Works Committee had recently stated that there was no necessity to extend the railway into the city.

The Minister for Works observed that he did not think that the increased tramway facilities which it was proposed to afford to the public would be likely in any way to jeopardise the building of the city railway. The proposed tramway lines down Pitt and Castlereagh streets were brought forward at the recommendation of the Railway Commissioners.

The Attorney-General stated that he had for the last twelve months impressed upon his colleagues in the Ministry the necessity of dealing with the city railway question. It was therefore discouraging for him to find that the first opposition to what the Cabinet had agreed to do should come from the representatives of the suburbs. To do as the deputation proposed would mean to delay the work for twelve months, during which time suburban residents would have to run the risk of all the dangers of the Redfern terminus "death-trap." As the Government was ready to begin work on the Devonshire-street station within a month, the position taken up by the deputation was somewhat extraordinary. The building of this station was a matter of great urgency, and it was besides in reality the first section of the extension into the city. Whatever way the line went it would have to start from a station at Devonshire-street, and the exact route would be a matter for subsequent decision.

The Minister for Works, in reply, said that the Government had to build railways and tramways with a view to future as well as to present requirements. He believed that under federation there would be such a boom in Sydney that no provision made by the Government for traffic would be too great. The new station, the proposed tramlines, the Circular Quay railway, and the North Shore Bridge would all be required. It was of no use to talk about the Hyde Park scheme, as that was past and done with. The present scheme was a practical one, and he believed that it would be approved of. It was the best that had been submitted and he intended to stand by it. He had every belief that it would go through the Public Works Committee without much trouble, because the circular line would tap all the wharfs and bring into play a lot of factors which were not considered when any of the previous schemes were under consideration. The deputation need not be afraid of the Public Works Committee. Their fears of that committee were not well founded. In any case a dissolution was not far off, and then there would be a new committee. So soon as the scheme was approved of it was intended to construct the eastern portion first, that was as far as King-street, and to complete the scheme by safe instalments. In the meantime the building of the tramlines and of the new station would go on. The central railway station must certainly be built in the interest of future requirements and to avert the existing dangers at Redfern.

THE WEATHER.

Rain yesterday fell along the seaboard from the Tweed River, in the extreme north of the colony, to Bateman's Bay. Eleven points were recorded at Sydney up to 9 a.m., and for the rest of the day only a sprinkle was added. In the country the weather was fine.

MORUYA, Wednesday.

Yesterday evening about half an inch of rain fell.

YOUNG, Wednesday.

The continued dry weather is causing great anxiety among farmers. Up to the end of September the crops looked most promising, but during October only two points of rain were recorded, and the drying winds have scorched up the late crops. The earlier crops still look well, and with early rain will yield fairly well. The outlook is far from promising, and orders for harvesting machinery are being cancelled in all directions.

ALBION PARK, Wednesday.

A very severe thunderstorm occurred last night. Heavy rain fell, with vivid lightning. The country looks fresh and green to-day.

BERRY, Wednesday.

Seventeen points of rain fell last night, accompanied by a heavy gale. It is now threatening rain, which is very badly needed.

QUEANBEYAN, Wednesday.

The continued dry weather is prejudicial to cereal crops. Large areas are being cut for hay.

WAVERLEY WESLEYAN CHURCH.

SALE OF WORK.

Yesterday afternoon, at the Waverley Wesleyan School hall, Bondi Junction, a two days' sale of work was opened by the Rev. W. Woolls Rutledge (superintendent of the circuit), the proceeds of which are in aid of the circuit funds.

The following are the stalls and attendants:—

No. 1, Fancy Work.—Mrs. W. Woolls Rutledge, Mrs. J. Hume, Mr. J. Corbett, sen., Mrs. Phillips, sen., Mrs. C. Jones, and the Misses Crump, James.

No. 2, Refreshments.—Mrs. Perdriau, Mrs. Oakes, Mrs. Roberts, Miss Amos Corbett, Mrs. Chapman, and the Misses Bean (2).

No. 3, Sweets.—Mrs. R. Corbett, Miss A. Firth, and Miss Brown.

No. 4, Flowers.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Terry and Miss Wallace.

No. 5, Books.—Mr. Theo. Corbett and Miss Denison.

No. 6, Art Gallery.—Mr. J. Phillips and Mr. C. Corbett.

THE COMMONWEALTH CELEBRATIONS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I am a stranger in Australia, but a Britisher, and exceedingly interested in the great political events shortly to take place here, and should much like a little information which perhaps some of your readers could supply.

If this were a Mohammedan country, under the government of the Sultan, the main honours of the great forthcoming political demonstrations would be offered first to God, second to Mahomet, and thirdly to the Sultan, and no one would think of demurring unless this order were altered. This is a professedly Christian Empire, and we professedly owe our loyalty to God, to Jesus Christ, and to the Queen in the order named. Now I can understand from what I can see in the press that loyal colonists will express, openly and heartily their allegiance to the Queen and Empire, so that all the world may see and note; but I fail to see how they propose adequately to express their loyalty to God and Jesus Christ. I see here and there a few words about special services in churches, but the colonists would repudiate with scorn any proposal to confine the political demonstration and the honours to the Queen and Empire to the Town Hall, or Houses of Parliament, or buildings of any kind. This would rightly be considered quite inadequate to the occasion, and why should God, who claims precedence over all, be honoured less openly and heartily? Do we receive our political and other blessings from the Queen or from God? Where, then, is the honour manifestly most due? What is going to be done to put this right? And who is going to do it before the opportunity is gone?

While asking information on this point may I venture to suggest two points which might be urged? First, that at all the ceremonies the Doxology should take precedence of the National Anthem; and, second, that the leading event of "Inauguration Sunday" should be a great popular open-air demonstration in the Domain for the express purpose of honouring God.

Trusting that the nation who honoured herself by supplying thousands of men who could not be daunted by magazine rifles and smokeless powder for the honour of their earthly Sovereign may honour herself still more by supplying thousands of men, and women too, equally undaunted, for the honour and service of the great Giver of all good gifts, Who has placed Australia where she is, and who alone can uphold her in her high position.

I am, &c.,

November 7. H. W. FRY.

THE FEDERAL CAPITAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I regret having to ask for a few lines of your space to correct an error which occurs in my letter on the above subject. After the inquiry at Goulburn Mr. Oliver asked the committee to mark on the plan an area of about 4000 acres as a site for the federal capital, and it was from this area that the city of Goulburn was excluded, as shown on the plan furnished to the commissioner, and not from the proposed federal area. Still, the question remains whether it is not at all necessary to include the city of Goulburn, and even if deemed necessary whether the Federal Parliament need purchase or assume the private ownership of the lands and buildings within the city.

I am, &c.,

A. M. BETTS.

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SHIPPING REPORTS.

(Continued from Page 4.)

Captain George King reports that the Warrego left Cairns at 8 p.m. on October 31, called at Townsville and Mackay, and arrived at Brisbane at 1 p.m. on the 4th instant; continued the trip at 12.30 p.m. the following day, and arrived at Sydney at 7.15 a.m. on the 7th instant. Experienced variable winds and fine weather to Brisbane, followed by strong head winds and seas, with rainy weather.

THE ABERDEEN LINE.

The Aberdeen is to sail from London on the 13th instant, is due at Capetown December 6, Melbourne December 26, Sydney December 31.

The Australasian left London October 2, Capetown October 20, is due at Albany November 11, Melbourne November 19, Sydney November 26.

The Damascus left Sydney September 14, Melbourne September 19, Natal October 26, and is due at London.

The Moravian, now in port, is to sail on November 8, and will leave Melbourne on November 14, is due at Natal December 6, Capetown December 10, London January 3.

The Nineveh left Sydney on October 5, Melbourne October 10, Natal November 2, is due at London November 29.

The Sophocles left London on October 25, is due at Capetown November 15, Melbourne December 5, Sydney December 10.

CALCUTTA CARGOES.

The British India Company's Ismalia, from Calcutta to Sydney, has arrived at Adelaide.

The steamer Ula, with a general cargo of Eastern products for Australian ports, left Calcutta on the 1st instant.

The steamer Dunearn, from Melbourne en route to Calcutta, arrived at Newcastle on Tuesday. At the former port she shipped 200 horses, 70 tons chaff, 8 tons bran, and 9 tons hay. After loading a quantity of coal at Newcastle she will come on to this port.

The steamer Whangape has been fitted up at Port Chalmers to take 170 horses to India. It is expected that 70 will be shipped at Lyttelton, and the others in Australia. The steamer also takes 2000 tons of wheat from Lyttelton. She is to sail from Lyttelton for Calcutta, via Sydney and Newcastle.

At present it is intended that one of the British India Company's steamers should leave Calcutta for New Zealand about December 1, and will be followed by the Union Company's steamer Whangape about December 10.

CHARTERS.

Grace Harwar, ship, 1749 tons, New Zealand to United Kingdom or Continent—General.

Ocean, ship, 1450 tons, a Baltic port to Adelaide—Timber.

Odd, barque, 1054 tons, Cardiff to Adelaide—Coke.

Madee, barque, 1021 tons, New Zealand to United Kingdom or Continent—General.

Carnmoney, barque, 1255 tons, London to Melbourne—General.

Mermerus, ship, South Australia to United Kingdom or Continent—Wheat.

Marpesia, ship, 1355 tons, Bunbury (W.A.) to United Kingdom or Continent—Jarrah.

HARBOUR REMOVALS.

The German mail steamer Konigin Luise was floated into Sutherland Dock yesterday.

The E. and A. Company's steamer Australian was berthed at the company's wharf, Circular Quay, yesterday.

The steamer Clitus was yesterday removed from Parbury's Wharf to a berth at the Pyrmont Wharf.

The barque Audaman will to-day be berthed at the Pyrmont Wharf.

The barque Irene was taken from Admiralty Wharf yesterday to an anchorage in the stream.

SAILING VESSELS DUE.

AT SYDNEY.

Addenda, four-masted schooner (HMJP), from Gray's Harbour—75 days.
Albuera, ship (JWPD), from New York—104 days.
Almora, barque (NLSK), from Liverpool, via Algoa Bay.
Drumcraig, ship (JCBT), from Middlesbrough—108 days.
Clydesdale, barque (HBHS), from Hamburg—105 days.
Kirriemoor, barque (SMPR), from Table Bay—42 days.
Iquique, ship (MSBJ), from New York—100 days.
Oban Bay, barque (WVBC), from Glasgow, 90 days.
Passepartout, barque (HBSV), from Tacoma—66 days.
Romanoff, barque (NMQH), from London, 85 days.
Santa, barque (KQQW), from Trinidad—117 days.
Sonoma, barque (JFWD), from Melbourne—8 days.
Strathgryfe, four-masted barque (LQCK), from Liverpool—82 days.
Trafalgar, ship (PHLB), from London—95 days.

AT NEWCASTLE.

Banffshire, barque (TJWD), from Brisbane—5 days.
Corolla, ship (PQTH), from Port Chalmers—13 days.
County of Flint, barque (QKJD), from Table Bay—40 days.
Drummuir, four-masted barque, from Melbourne—4 days.
Earl of Dalhousie, four-masted barque (JMBL), from Table Bay—36 days.
Eudora, barque (HBNC), from Fremantle—17 days.
Osberga, barque (JPVF), from Monte Video—77 days.
Vasco da Gama, ship (BJQS), from Rio Janeiro—42 days.

LATE COMMERCIAL.

MELBOURNE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the live stock market to-day 1000 fat cattle were yarded, comprising 60 from New South Wales, 480 from north-eastern district, 400 from Gippsland, and the remainder from the north-western district and from paddocks near town. The supply was a representative one with regard to quality, including several pens of extra prime and heavy weights. The market was without animation, and prices ruled 10s per head under last week's quotations. Prime pens of bullocks from £10 5s to £12, odd beasts to £14. Good pens of bullocks from £8 15s to £9 15s, second and light from £7 to £8, inferior light steers from £6 10s. Best pens cows from £6 15s to £7 5s, odd beasts from £8 15s to £9 5s, others sold from £4 10s. 190 fat calves were penned. The greater portion consisted of ripe quality of well-grown heifers, with a sprinkling of prime small calves. The demand was inactive and prices were lower. Prime steers and heifers from £4 10s to £5 5s, good ditto ditto from £3 to £4. Prime calves from 50s to 60s, second ditto from 38s to 48s; best small calves from 30s to 40s, others from 20s.

DEAD MEAT MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the Metropolitan Dead Meat Market prices ruled as follows:—Beef, prime bodies 23s to 24s per 100lb., medium 18s to 19s; 21s to 22s; prime forequarters to 20s, medium 15s to 18s; prime hindquarters 27s to 28s, medium 25s to 26s; lambs, prime 9s to 10s each, medium 7s to 8s.

FRUIT MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the Queen Victoria Market this morning fruits realised the following prices:—Apples, 6s to 10s per case; cherries, 4d to 6d per lb.; green gooseberries, 3d to 4d per quart; oranges, 8s to 10s per case; lemons, 6s to 7s ditto; loquats, 2d to 4d per lb.; strawberries, 4d to 8d ditto.

The Archbishop of Sydney held a confirmation service at St. James' Church on Tuesday night in the presence of a large congregation. Thirty-one candidates presented themselves to receive the sacred rite, including 10 males. His Grace, on concluding the ceremony, delivered an impressive and practical address to the confirmed, basing his remarks on part of the 20th verse of the Epistle of St. Jude, "Building yourselves up on your most holy faith," and exhorted them to walk worthy of their high vocation.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

Pony and galloway races will be held to-day at Rosebery Park, the first event starting at 2 30 p.m. Special trams will as usual leave Bent-street for the course at 12.55 and 1.12 p.m., while special omnibus services will run from the City Town Hall.

Mr. R. Fleming will on Monday next, on account of it being a holiday, be in attendance from 9 a.m. to 12 noon for the purpose of measuring ponies and galloways intended to compete at Kensington.

Musket, the winner of the Queensland Derby, was bred by Mr. C. E. M'Dougall, of Lyndhurst, Warwick, and is by Musketoon from Tiara, by Archie—Diadem running back to the same family as Off Colour. Musketoon, who is the property of Mr. Dean, of Windsor, in this colony, was leased by Mr. M'Dougall. The colt, who has been badly named, is said to be a very promising three-year-old. He stands about 16.2 in height, a bright chestnut in colour, and handsomely formed. The general opinion is that he was the best horse in the race, and would have won had his field kept with him instead of allowing him to steal a march on them.

VICTORIA RACING CLUB.

THIRD DAY.

ANTICIPATIONS BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The third act in the V.R.C. spring equine drama will be played out to-day, and the programme set down for discussion promises to attract a large assemblage to Flemington, as there is every prospect of a continuation of the favourable weather which has hitherto been in evidence. The sport commences with the November Hurdle Race, in which the Mill Park stable is represented by Welfare, Carbinier, Borderer, and The African, and Mr. Miller's choice must be hard to beat. The distance should suit Soult and Aquarius, while Turk and Accumulator should also run well. An interesting battle may be anticipated, and the most likely to attract the attention of the judge are Aquarius, Welfare, and Turk. A large field is foreshadowed for the Second Nursery Handicap, and on paper Manlock, Haymaker, Tom Morris, Black Watch, Cadenas, and Sweet Sound appear to have been left with good prospects, and the places may be occupied by Manlock, Haymaker, and Tom Morris. Maister, Grasspan, and Dandy should divide honours in the Flying Stakes. Having failed to carry 7st 10lb into place in the Melbourne Cup, Lancaster is asked to put up 9st 9lb in the Carnival Handicap, and he is almost certain to be an absentee. Clean Sweep has also been allotted his full share, and so has Severity, but War God, Dirk Hammerhand, Nitre, Revenue, Blue Metal, Horace, and Grizzle have no reason for complaint, and the issue may be fought out among Dirk Hammerhand, Revenue, and Blue Metal. The contest for the Oaks promises to be more interesting than usual, and a good battle should be witnessed between Hautesse, Haulette, and The Union Jack, who may pass the post in the order written. War God, Dirk Hammerhand, Nitre, Alix, Horace, and Revenue seem to be the pick of the Veteran Stakes, and the situations may go to War God, Dirk Hammerhand, and Horace; while the honours in the Filly Stakes may be divided among Curious, Lady Enid, and Australia. Subjoined is the programme:—

NOVEMBER HURDLE RACE (1 p.m.)—2 miles.

	st	lb		st	lb		st	lb
Welfare ...	12	10	Moravian ...	10	5	Sheridan ...	9	4
Redeemer ...	12	7	Vancouver ...	10	5	Accumulator	9	3
Soult ...	12	5	Detonator ...	10	0	Bingara ...	9	3
Dynie ...	11	5	Havelock ...	9	11	Virgil ...	9	0
C'tonier ...	11	5	Springhaven ...	9	11	The African	9	0
Fad'aleen ...	11	3	Dictator ...	9	10	Jewel King	9	0
Bebiks ...	10	13	Riccarton ...	9	10	Jumbo ...	9	0
Carbonate ...	10	11	Iamarone ...	9	7	Sir Malcolm	9	0
Brighton ...	10	10	Stellarano ...	9	5	Dover ...	9	0
Aquarius ...	10	10	Metallind ...	9	5	Gianiesa ...	9	0
Turk ...	10	9						

SECOND NURSERY HANDICAP (1.45 p.m.)—6 furlongs.

*Ibex ...	9	1	Beauba ...	7	12	Dahomey ...	7	8
*Grasspan ...	9	1	Rockleigh ...	7	12	Newry ...	7	8
Manlock ...	8	12	Sweet Sound ...	7	12	Nymagee ...	7	8
*Hautain ...	8	10	Australia ...	7	12	The Coroman	7	8
Haymaker ...	8	7	Athamoora ...	7	12	The Victory	7	4
Tom Morris ...	8	6	The Austrian ...	7	12	Curious ...	7	0
Rock Oon ...	8	5	*Attica ...	7	11	Hautvillers	7	0
Cadenas ...	8	3	*Magdala ...	7	10	Morcar ...	7	0
Black Watch ...	8	3	*Fotheringay ...	7	9	Patronus ...	7	0
Portree ...	8	3	Lady Enid ...	7	9	*What's That	6	12
*Beau Hampton ...	8	1	Gossip ...	7	9	Feud ...	6	12
Bantam ...	8	1	Lecholme ...	7	9	Idleville ...	6	11
Altitude ...	7	13	Shadow Catcher	7	9	*The Maine	6	9
						Landlady ...	6	7

FLYING STAKES (2.45 p.m.)—7 furlongs.

Farquin ...	9	2	Liberty ...	8	11	Beau Hampton	8	2
Wait-a-Bit ...	9	2	Phillibeg ...	8	0	Newry ...	6	2
Lancaster ...	9	2	Kenley ...	8	0	Lecholme ...	6	2
Coroquist ...	9	0	The Idler ...	8	0	Ritualist ...	6	2
Bloodstone ...	8	11	Maister ...	8	0	Hautain ...	5	11
Cyanide ...	8	11	Grasspan ...	6	2	Fotheringay	5	11
Paul Pry ...	8	11	Tom Morris ...	6	2	Feud ...	5	11
Dandy ...	8	11	Dahomey ...	6	2			

CARNIVAL HANDICAP (3.30 p.m.)—1½ mile.

Lancaster ...	9	9	Contrast ...	8	1	Dude ...	6	10
Farquin ...	8	9	Saracity ...	8	0	Lord Rudolph	6	10
Severity ...	8	7	Kinglike ...	7	12	Labourer ...	6	8
*Mora ...	8	6	Revenue ...	7	11	Hobson ...	6	8
George Frederick ...	8	6	Blue Metal ...	7	10	Private Willis	6	7
Dandy ...	8	4	Kaaba ...	7	8	Butternut ...	6	7
The Chief ...	8	3	Auld Lang Syne	7	7	Acetine ...	6	7
Clean Sweep ...	8	13	Barbarossa ...	7	6	Merryman ...	6	7
Gauleon ...	8	13	Aroomea ...	7	5	Rothwell ...	6	7
Dirk Hammerhand ...	8	10	*My Queen ...	7	2	Headland ...	6	7
Corroquist ...	8	10	Miltiades ...	7	0	Pearl Skipper	6	7
Ingliston ...	8	9	Ora ...	7	0	Phillibeg ...	6	7
Gunga Din ...	8	7	Argo ...	7	0	The Undine	6	7
Nitre ...	8	6	Benedict ...	7	0	Table Talk ...	6	7
Fleet Admiral ...	8	4	Belemnite ...	6	13			
			Grizzle ...	6	13			

OAKS STAKES (4.15 p.m.)—1½ mile.

Mr. W. H. Mate's ch f Iodine, by Autonomy—Seaweed.
Mr. J. N. M'Arthur's br f Verne, by Bill of Portland—She.
Mr. S. G. Cook's b f The Union Jack, by The Admiral—The Heroine.
Mr. J. Rowen's ch f Fides, by Mostyn—Fidelity.
Mr. P. T. Heywood's ch f Rumour, by Bundspord—Eleusis.
Mr. J. Wilson's, jun., br f Fairy Light, by Light Artillery—Fairy Voice.
Mr. C. Carlisle's br f Hautesse, by Haut Brion—Alza.
Mr. W. Brown's br f Haulette, by Haut Brion—Novelette II.
Mr. A. Hay's ch f Heatherbell, by Manton—Heather.

VETERAN STAKES (4.50 p.m.)—1½ mile.

Farquin ...	9	7	Gunga Din ...	8	6	Borromeo ...	6	10
La Carabine	9	7	Nitre ...	8	4	Affable ...	6	7
Severity ...	9	6	Contrast ...	8	0	*Carbinier ...	6	7
*Mora ...	9	5	Alix ...	7	12	Flintlock ...	6	7
Geo. Frederick	9	2	Fleet Admiral	7	11	Acetine ...	6	7
The Chief ...	8	13	The Bride ...	7	10	Chillagoe ...	6	7
Lochaber ...	8	12	Revenue ...	7	10	Ben Bolt ...	6	7
War God ...	8	11	Horace ...	7	8	Estuary ...	6	7
Dandy ...	8	9	Sellistite ...	7	6	Legon ...	6	7
Dirk Hammerhand ...	8	9	Lowland Chief	7	4	Passover ...	6	7
Ingliston ...	8	8	Fullerdeen ...	6	13	The Undine	6	7
Vocalist ...	8	6	Belemnite ...	6	12	Table Talk	6	7
			Grizzle ...	6	12			

FILLY STAKES (5.30 p.m.)—5 furlongs.

Port Ellen ...	7	10	Cossford ...	7	10	Lady Enid ...	7	10
Curious ...	7	10	Floradora ...	7	10	Oma ...	7	10
Veneer ...	7	10	Magda ...	7	10	Abbess ...	7	10
Raven ...	7	10	Australia ...	7	10	Vow ...	7	10
Lippen ...	7	10	Fily ...	7	10	Athamoora ...	7	10
The Geisha ...	7	10	Gunlock ...	7	10	Silver Spray	7	10
The Austrian	7	10						

* Scratched.

LATEST SCRATCHINGS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Following scratchings have been recorded in connection with the V.R.C. Spring Meeting:—

Filly Stakes: Attica and Beauba.

All engagements: Feud, Headland, and Madrid.

Second Nursery Handicap: Ibex, Beau Hampton, Attica, Grasspan, Magdala, Fotheringay, Hautain, What's That, and The Maine.

November Hurdle Race: Borderer, Beau Brummel, Leirna, Tagus, and The Armourer.

Cup Steeplechase: Elgin.

Oaks Stakes: Jetoline, Rue, Pilgrim, Lady Band, Nita, Carlyon.

Carnival Handicap: My Queen and Mora.

Veteran Stakes: Mora and Carbinier.

Aldfol Stakes: Nymagee.

V.R.C. Handicap: Phillibeg.

C.B. Fisher Plate: Phillibeg.

Flying Stakes: Bloodstone, Cyanide, Phillibeg, Beau Hampton, and Fotheringay.

CUP DAY RETURNS.

VARIATION IN THE BETTING.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

A rough estimate has been made by Mr. H. Byron Moore, the secretary, of the returns at Flemington yesterday, and he is able to make the announcement that they are about £3200 better than last Cup day. There has always been an impression that the Cup day returns in the Exhibition year were the best on record, but according to Mr. Moore this is not so. They were better in the two or three succeeding years. This year's total is the best since 1892. Should the weather be favourable during the two remaining days of the meeting a very substantial profit should be made on the fixture.

A remarkable feature of the betting at Flemington on Cup day was the manner in which prices varied in the different parts of the ring. This was more especially applied to the Cup. The crowd in the betting ring was so dense that the plan adopted by the ordinary backer of searching for the best prices was not workable. He had to take the price offered by bookmakers in the particular part of the paddock in which he found himself. Thus, though 6 to 1 was a fair starting price as regards Severity, many backers were taking 5 to 1 at the last moment, while in other parts of the ring he was being laid at 8 to 1. Similarly the price on War God varied from 10 to 1 to 16 to 1. Clean Sweep was about 20 to 1 in all parts of the ring, though some people took 15 to 1 and others secured 25 to 1. In one particular part of the ring Lancaster was freely laid at 2 to 1, but as a rule odds of 3 to 1 could be obtained from almost any bookmaker right up to the fall of the flag.

WILLIAMSTOWN SCRATCHINGS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The following scratchings for the Williamstown Meeting are recorded:—

Williamstown Cup: Cyanide and Headland.

All engagements: Songbird and Wild Olive.

Williamstown Handicap: High and Mighty.

Princess of Wales's Purse: Coutedina, Altona.

KENSINGTON RACING CLUB.

The weekly pony and galloway meeting was held yesterday at Kensington in fine weather. Results:—

Fourteen-three Handicap of 25 sovs., 6 furlongs.—W. B. M'Donagh's ch m Zeemer, by Zulu—Thaumasite, 4 years, 7st (T. Adams), 1; J. Shannon's b m Nowra Maid, 6 years, 8st 2lb (A. Albrecht), 2; E. Lawler's b m Cora II., 6 years, 7st 10lb (A. Harkness), 3. Other starters: Petrel, 8st 5lb; Stuff, 8st 1lb; Lady Margaret Bortreaux, 8st 2lb, including 2lb over; Talana, 8st, including 4lb over; Signora, 7st 7lb; Fantasy, 7st 4lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Nowra Maid, 3 to 1 v. Talana, 4 to 1 each v. Zeemer and Cora II., 5 to 1 v. Stuff. Won by two lengths; a length between second and third. Time, 1 minute 19 seconds.

Fourteen-one Handicap of 25 sovs., 5 furlongs.—I. D. Clay's b g Sir Isaac, by Sir William—Maid of the Lake, 4 years, 7st 11lb (Ensor), 1; F. J. Fraser's b m True Colour, aged, 7st 13lb (Scanlon), 2; A. J. Duncan's ch m Dryad, aged, 8st 8lb (Albrecht), 3. Other starters: Disfigured, 8st 4lb; Starling, 8st. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Disfigured, 5 to 2 v. Dryad, 3 to 1 v. Sir Isaac, 4 to 1 v. True Colour, 10 to 1 v. Starling. Won by three lengths; half a length between second and third. Time, 1 minute 5½ seconds.

Novice Handicap of 35 sovs., 4½ furlongs.—J. Fawcett's ch m Carlotta, by Mozart—Mountain Maid, aged, 7st (T. Adams), 41; J. T. Horton's ch g Invader, 5 years, 7st 6lb (H. Bell), 42; G. Sixsmith ns ch m Mirrel, 4 years, 8st, including 6lb over (H. Sleigh), 3. Other starters: Rapador, 7st 12lb; Merry Dame, 7st 10lb; Redwing, 8st 2lb, including 6lb over; Little Wonder, 7st 10lb; Muskateer, 7st 7lb; Matilda, 7st 6lb; The Present, 7st. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Carlotta, 3 to 1 each v. Invader and Mirrel, 7 to 1 v. others. Dead heat for first place; third one and a half length away. Time, 58 seconds. The run off was won by Carlotta by four lengths. Betting: 3 to 1 on Carlotta. Time, 58¾ seconds.

Fourteen-hands Handicap of 20 sovs., 4½ furlongs.—S. Marriott's b m Yellow Mantle, by Yellow Jacket—Juno, aged, 7st 5lb (N. Scanlon), 1; N. Watterson's b m Amanda, 5 years, 8st 6lb (J. Henley), 2; E. Smith's b m Selina, aged, 8st 8lb (Albrecht), 3. Other starters: Mirth, 8st 7lb; Little Essie, 7st 10lb; Hector, 7st 10½lb, including 2½lb over; Hugo, 7st 6lb; Thirza, 7st. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Amanda, 3 to 1 v. Hector, 4 to 1 v. Thirza, 5 to 1 v. Yellow Mantle, 7 to 1 v. Selina. Won by a length; two lengths between second and third. Time, 1 minute.

Fourteen-two Welter of 25 sovs., 4½ furlongs.—J. Ernest's b g Camerton, by Fusilier—Lady di Vergy, 6 years, 9st 6lb (Albrecht), 1; J. Shannon's b m Mica, aged, 8st 2lb (Harkness), 2; M. Duggan's bg Circus Boy, 5 years, 8st (J. Harvey), 3. Other starters: Venus, 9st 10lb; Pride, 9st 7lb; Cigarette, 9st 2lb; Rivulet 8st; W.A., 8st. Betting: 3 to 1 each v. Cigarette and Rivulet, 4 to 1 each v. Camerton and Mica, 6 to 1 v. W.A., 7 to 1 v. Pride. Won by two lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 56 seconds.

Kensington Handicap of 30 sovs., 6 furlongs.—B. Barron's ch m Isis, by Churchill—Iris, aged, 7st (A. Harkness), 1; J. Tomlinson ns ch m Mona II., aged, 8st 6lb (F. Williams), 2; S. Gilbert's blk or br m Empress, 5 years, 7st (T. Adams), 3. Other starters: Lily, 8st 11lb; Gilpin, 9st 2lb; Friendless, 8st 13lb; My Bird, 8st 8lb; Flower Girl, 7st 7lb; Nowra Maid, 7st 6lb; The Desert, 7st 2lb; Belltree, 7st; Nightfall, 7st. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Gilpin, 4 to 1 v. My Bird, 6 to 1 each v. Nightfall, Lily, Friendless, Empress, and Mona, 8 to 1 v. Isis. Won by half a length, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 1 minute 18¾ seconds.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.

THIRD DAY.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

The Metropolitan Meeting of the above club was continued to-day, when the contests for the two principal races resulted as follows:—

Canterbury Cup of 500 sovs.—1¾ mile.

Mr. Douglas Gordon's br h Advance, by Vanguard—Laurel, 4 years ... 1
Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch c Renown, by Dreadnought—Lyrebird, 3 years ... 2
Mr. J. Boreland's b h Fulmen, by Castor—Bilda, 6 years ... 3

Won easily. Time, 3 minutes 7 2-5 seconds. Dividend, £1 11s.

Oaks Stakes of 400 sovs.—1½ mile.

Mr. G. G. Stead's ch f Ismene, by Dreadnought—Marion ... 1
Mr. G. G. Stead's ch f Field Rose, by Hotchkiss—Rose of Wellington ... 2
Captain W. R. Russell's br f Heiress, by Gold Reef—Hueriana ... 3

Won easily. Time, 2 minutes 10 3-5 seconds. Dividend, £1 6s.

SANDOWN PARK RACE CLUB.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Sandown Park R.C. races were held to-day in beautifully fine weather. The course was in good order, and the attendance was large. Results:—

Maiden Plate of 35 sovs., 5 furlongs.—May, by Harmonist—Piccaninny, 7st 7lb (Manning), 1; Malvada, 8st 5lb, (R. Lewis), 2; Urbanity, 7st 7lb (Mooy), 3. Other starters: Mat, 8st; Mervyn, 8st; Munmurra, 8st; Wilkie, 8st; Aphrodite, 8st; Huntress, 8st; Estella, 8st. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Malvada, 3 to 1 v. May, 4 to 1 v. Munmurra, 8 to 1 v. Urbanity, 10 to 1 v. others. Won by three lengths; a length between second and third. Time, 1 minute 4 seconds.

Jumpers' Handicap Flat Race of 35 sovs., 1½ mile.—Jack Horner, by The Englishman—Vice-reine, 8st 12lb (H. Johnson), 1; California, 10st 2lb (J. Anwin), 2; Bathurst Burr, 9st 1lb (H. Webb) 3. Other starters: Trent, 10st 10lb; Detonator, 10st 4lb; Wisdom, 10st 10lb; Clyde, 9st 10lb; Linger, 9st 7lb; Independent, 9st; Thistle, 9st 11lb; Billy L., 8st 10lb; Fleurette, 8st; Reprieve, 8st. Betting: 2 to 1 v. California, 3 to 1 v. Trent, 6 to 1 v. Jack Horner, 7 to 1 each v. Detonator and Bathurst Burr, 10 to 1 v. others. Won by a head; four lengths between second and third. Time, 2 minutes 14½ seconds.

Trial Handicap, 5½ furlongs.—Martin, by Flying Pan—Delight, 8st 12lb (W. Rose), 1; Youthess, 7st 12lb (E. Thomas), 2; May, 7st 3lb (Mascamara), 3. Other starters: Kruger, 8st 9lb; Starling, 8st 7lb; Wynnore, 8st 4lb; Bluelight, 8st 8lb; Hayward, 7st 7lb; Prince, 7st 7lb; La Mascote, 6st 7lb. Betting: 5 to 4 v. May, 5 to 1 v. La Mascote, 10 to 1 each Martin, Youthess. Won by a length and a half, three lengths between second and third. Time, 1 minute 6 seconds.

Sandown Park Handicap, 1 mile.—Goodman, by Segenhoe—Georgina Frederica, 7st 2lb (Macnamara), 1; Sport Royal, 7st 4lb (W. Sellerman), 2; Stelene, 7st 4 b (W. H. Smith), 3. Other starters: Terlings, 9st; Sandboy, 7st 6lb. Betting: 2 to 1 each v. Terlings and Sport Royal, 5 to 1 bar two. Won by two lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 1 minute 46¾ seconds.

Steeplechase, 2 miles.—Buckingham, by Sheet Anchor—Regina, 10st 2lb (Douglas), 1; Ortler, 9st (Vail), 2; Arthur, 9st 7lb (Regan), 3. Other starters: Belle, 9st 12lb; Buccaneer, 9st 12lb. Betting: 5 to 2 v. Arthur, 3 to 1 each v. Buckingham and Buccaneer, 5 to 1 v. Ortler. Won by a length and a half, 10 lengths between second and third. Time, 4 minutes 8¾ seconds.

Welter Handicap, 6 furlongs.—Robin, by The Gem—Corelie, 7st 7lb (Egan), 1; Dousterswivel, 9st 6lb (Swan), 2; Landscape, 8st (Ebenstein), 3. Other starters: Kola, 8st 4lb; Bobby Burns, 8st 2lb; Malvada, 8st 2lb; Hayward, 7st 7lb. Betting: 7 to 4 v. Kola, 5 to 1 v. Landscape, 6 to 1 v. Robin, 10 to 1 v. Dousterswivel. Won by half a length, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 1 minute 17 seconds.

ADELONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ADELONG, Wednesday.

The local jockey club's spring meeting was held to-day. The weather was fine, and the attendance good. Appended are the results:—

Federation Handicap of 8 sovs.—Mr. Prowse's Wisdom, by Waterford—Angler mare, 1; Mr. Green's Forester, 2; Mr. Halleran's Molly Asthore, 3. Three other starters.

Spring Handicap of 15 sovs.—Mr. Aragon's Cerise and Blue, by Sweetmeat—Little Nell, 1; Mr. Ball's Smokedrift, 2; Mr. Hassett's Earl Olive, 3. Five started.

Hack Race of 5 sovs.—Revilor, 1. Eight started.

Hurdle Race of 15 sovs.—Mr. Purcell's Gratis, by Waterford—Little Nell, 1; Mr. Dwyer's Milliner, 2; Mr. Perkins's Jack, 3. Sybella and Forrester fell at the first hurdle. A protest was entered owing to a broken hurdle being shifted from the course, but was dismissed.

Final Handicap of 7 sovs.—Mr. Ball's Smokedrift, by Invermay—Alarm, 1. Five started.

ROSEBERY PARK PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.

Following are the weights for the pony and galloway races to be held at Rosebery Park to-day:—

14.3 Handicap, 6½ furlongs.—Vernon, 9st; Paddy, 8st 12lb; Cora, 8st 7lb; Tolano, 8st 2lb; Invader, 8st; Tecoma, 7st 12lb; Zeba, 7st 10lb; Carlotta, 7st 9lb; Camerton, 7st 9lb; Vernal, 7st 7lb; Sea Nymph, 7st 5lb; Mica, 7st 4lb; Zozimus, 7st 4lb; Spring Hill, 7st 2lb; Au Revoir, 7st; Bedtime, 7st; Constance, 7st; Rapidity, 7st; P.H., 7st.

14.1 Handicap, 4½ furlongs.—Two Up, 9st; Mvalba, 8st 12lb; Amber, 8st 8lb; Olga, 8st 2lb; Princess, 7st 10lb; Minnie, 7st 9lb; Barney Boy, 7st 9lb; Vixen, 7st 8lb; Trickey, 7st 5lb; Sweetheart, 7st 3lb; History, 7st.

13.3 Handicap, 4 furlongs.—Bluesskin, 10st 3lb; Mirth, 8st 13lb; Golddust, 8st 10lb; Waxey, 8st 5lb; Kitty Wager, 8st 3lb; La Mascotte, 8st; Adella II., 7st 9lb; Smasher, 7st 6lb; Annie Laurie II., 7st 4lb; Rocket, 7st; Little Swan, 7st; Killarney, 7st.

14.2 Handicap, 4 furlongs.—Dryad, 8st 12lb; Camerton, 8st 9lb; Primrose, 8st 9lb; Fair Sex, 8st; Decorum, 8st; Mica, 7st 12lb; Lady May, 7st 11lb; The Manner, 7st 1lb; Glee, 7st 10lb; M.S., 7st 9lb; Ranji, 7st 5lb; Curio, 7st 8lb; Expected, 7st 8lb; Nada, 7st 7lb; Truthful, 7st 5lb; Matilda, 7st 3lb; Forget-me-Not, 7st.

Welter Handicap (15.0), 4 furlongs.—Gipsy, 10st 10lb; Indabba, 10st 2lb; Friendless, 10st; Little Gull, 9st 3lb; Albion, 9st; Rosedale, 8st 12lb; Duplex, 8st 12lb; Metalloid, 8st 9lb; Loyal Prix, 8st 9lb; Mirrell, 8st 8lb; Triwood, 8st 7lb; More Yet, 8st 7lb; March, 8st 4lb; Les Mottord, 8st 2lb; St. Innes, 8st 2lb; Miss Scott, 8st; The Comet, 8st; Bunny, 8st.

GOLF.

TAMWORTH, Wednesday.

The championship of the Tamworth Golf Club was won by Dr. Armstrong, who defeated Mr. C. E. Edmunds in the final game after an interesting contest. Honours were even at the termination of the first round, and at the fifth hole in the deciding round the players were still together. Dr. Armstrong won by 2 holes, with 1 to play.

BOWLS.

VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIP.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Play for the Single-handed Bowls Championship Tournament was continued to-day under pleasant conditions. Great interest was taken in the play, which was of a high-class character throughout. The visitors fared as follows:—

W. Ledingham (Auckland), 21, beat M. Moran (Sydney), 5; W. Spiers (Victoria), 21, beat J. E. Thurston (Launceston), 4; C. Gartell (Sydney), 21, beat A. J. Beckwith (Victoria), 4; R. Mailer (Victoria), 21, beat C. J. Laurie (Sydney), 10; B. Clerk (New Zealand), 21, beat J. Dorg (Victoria), 12; J. Murley (Victoria), 21, beat P. C. Butler (Sydney), 16; C. J. Hayward (Victoria), 21, beat J. B. Moore (Sydney), 13; J. Bentley (Victoria), 21, beat A. A. Locke (Sydney), 19.

MANLY v. CITY.

A four-rink return match has been fixed for the City green on Saturday next between these clubs, when the Manly representatives will be:—Hannam, Passau, Ogilvy, Norris, Hind, Morris, Bosmer, Black, Custer, Maybury, Austin, Hanigan, Hunt, Wagg, Dimslow, Horrocks. Emergencies: Patison and Meyer.

CRICKET.

INTER-DISTRICT MATCH.

The following are the 11 selected to represent the North Sydney and Leichhardt-Balmain clubs v. Glebe, Burwood, and Central Cumberland, to be played on Saturday and Monday, November 10 and 12:—K. Quist, N. Deane, W. Duff, H. Ellis, F. Wade, North Sydney; J. A. Cuff, C. Clements, J. Robson, T. Storey, F. Meares, E. P. Woolcott, Leichhardt-Balmain. Any player unable to play should inform the secretary of the New South Wales Cricket Association at the earliest opportunity.

Newtown Congregational C. C. defeated Burwood Wentworth A. C. C. in the First Junior Competition on Saturday last by 186 runs. Scores: Newtown Congregational C.C., 290 (Scanlan 67, Smith 52, Bingham 45, Austin 25 not out, Wells 14, Bryant 12); Wentworth, 74 (M'Kivett 37, O'Brien 18). For the winners Flack, Robinson, and Bingham divided the wickets, whilst for the losers O'Brien bowled well.

Paddington Veterans played a draw with Commercial Bank on the Agricultural Ground on Saturday afternoon. The Bank scored 186 (Lloyd 80, Myrie 27, H. M. Massie 14, and Johnston 12 not out). Walshe took four wickets, Pope two, and De Jostin two. The Veterans lost two wickets for 71 (D. Hogan 14, F. M'Elhone 20 not out, and W. Hildebrandt not out 16).

North Sydney Belvidere, nine wickets for 221 (Bryant 40 retired, Morrow 44 retired, Massey 35, Lee 28, Langley 22, Simpson 12, Galwey 11 not out), met Balmoral at the North Sydney Reserve on Saturday.

The return match Blackheath v. Wentworth Falls was played on the latter's wicket on Saturday last. Blackheath won by 46 runs. Scores:—Blackheath, 134; Wentworth Falls, 88. The principal scores for Blackheath were Woodhead 42, Trimble 26; and for Wentworth Falls, Keys 40.

Crow's Nest P.C.C. defeated Waverley Waratah on the former's wicket. Dein, 31 for the former, Amer, 22 for the latter, got the runs. For the Crow's Nest Dein took six wickets for 28 runs, and Gant four for 15.

INTERCOLONIAL MATCHES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Trumble is unable to visit Adelaide to take part in the intercolonial cricket match. F. Collins, of East Melbourne, has been chosen to fill the vacancy.

ADELAIDE MATCHES.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

On Saturday East Adelaide defeated East Torrens by 62, Travers securing five wickets for 62; North Adelaide passed Port Adelaide's score of 214 with four wickets down, Reedman batting well for 125 not out. West Torrens got Sturt out for 131, and won by 32. F. Jarvis bowled five for 52.

BOWRAL, Wednesday.

A cricket match was played on the Glebe Ground on Saturday afternoon between Bowral Association and Robertson Park, and resulted in a win for the former. Scores were:—Bowral Association, 210 (E. Upton not out 101, W. Bennett 41, C. Cope 20, A. W. Farlon 14); Robertson Park, 153 (G. Whatman 69, W. Whatman 15, P. Maddern 14).

Surveyors' Camp with 117 runs (Dr. Vallack 71, J. Menzies 15) defeated Kangaloon with 108 runs.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

In the Senior Ward Cricket competition, South beat East by one innings and 96 runs. South scored 233, and East 59 and 78.

DUBBO, Wednesday.

A cricket match between Dubbo and Macquarie Clubs was concluded on Saturday afternoon. Macquarie won by 19 runs. Neil Hives scored 96 for the winners.

KIAMA, Wednesday.

A cricket match took place here to-day between Nowra Half-holiday and Kiama Federal Cricket Clubs, resulting in a win for the latter. Scores were: Kiama, 84; Nowra, 60.

PICTON, Wednesday.

On Saturday Camden Cricket Club beat Picton by 8 runs. Picton B team played Thirlmere Cricket Club; the game was drawn in favour of Picton.

TAMWORTH, Wednesday.

The first round of the Sawer's shield cricket competition was concluded on Saturday, the result of the first round being that the Royal Standard Club led by a few points. In the matches played on Saturday the Federal Club defeated Nemingha on the oval. Nemingha, 91; Federal, 145. A match took place at Moonbi between Royal Standard Club and Moonbi. Moonbi scored 52, and Royal Standard 178 (Sutherland 100, Power 22, Fryer 21). Tamworth scored a bye.

CYCLING.

PADDINGTON CLUB.

The members of the Paddington Club have arranged to hold a club run to Wollongong over the holiday. The cyclists will leave the club rooms, Paddington, at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday. The return journey will be through Helensburg.

SAILING.

SYDNEY SAILING CLUB.

Mr. W. A. Notting (commodore) presided at a meeting of the Sydney Sailing Club at Dodson's Hotel, Pitt and King streets, on Tuesday evening. A letter was received from Dr. S. Jamieson accepting the position of vice-president and covering a donation. Mr. Mark Foy wrote notifying his intention of issuing cards with the names and distinguishing colours of the various boats, together with their owners' names, and asking the club to forward a list of boats. The meeting was of the opinion that such a card would be very useful to followers of aquatics, and the hon. secretaries were instructed to forward the necessary information to Mr. Foy. The umpire for Saturday's races reported the disqualification of Donnelly in the A class event for luffing Australian on the run to the finish. Genesta and Alma were each fined 5s for a breach of the colour regulation in the B class race. The prizes won were presented as follows:—A class: Southern Cross, £6; Australian, £3; Plover and Kerikí (dead heat), 10s each. B class: Alma, £3; Iris, £1 10s; Genesta, £1. Mr. Notting was authorised to write to the Premier asking that the club be allowed representation on the aquatic sectional committee of the Commonwealth celebrations. It was decided to hold the 18-footers championship on Saturday week instead of December 8, and that the A class event set down for the latter date be postponed.

SYDNEY FLYING SQUADRON.

A general handicap was decided under the auspices of the Sydney Flying Squadron yesterday afternoon. The weather conditions were anything but favourable from a sailing point of view. The light south-east breeze which prevailed rendered the event little better than a drifting match. It was originally intended to send the boats three times round the triangular course, starting and finishing at Clark Island, but owing to the scarcity of wind the officials wisely decided that twice round would be sufficient, and the handicaps were altered accordingly. The result was a very hollow victory for Mr. O. Taylor's Kerikí, Southern Cross occupying second position.

Following are the particulars:—Course, the club's triangular course (twice round). Kerikí (Chris. Webb), scratch, £6, 1; Southern Cross (C. Messenger, jun.), 1 minute, £3, 2; Willis (W. Messenger), 4½ minutes, £1, 3. Other starters: Flying Fish (H. Mackon), 5 minutes; Yankee (J. B. Craig) and Desdemona (A. Muston), 8 minutes. Vanduara was also entered, but did not start. All the boats got well away to their signals, and with a "soldiers' wind" were enabled to lay right round the course. At the Taylor Bay mark the raters were still a long way in the lead, the times rounding the buoy being—Yankee, 4h. 26m. 33s; Desdemona, 4h. 27m. 18s.; Willis, 4h. 30m. 23s; Flying Fish, 4h. 30m. 30s.; Kerikí, 4h. 32m. 10s.; and Southern Cross, 4h. 32m. 30s. On the reach to Shark Island Kerikí went up to second place and rounded the buoy 10 seconds behind Yankee, whilst Southern Cross displaced Flying Fish. The times squaring away at Shark Island were—Yankee, 4h. 44m. 10s; Kerikí, 4h. 44m. 20s.; Desdemona, 4h. 45m.; Willis, 4h. 46m. 30s.; and Southern Cross, 4h. 48m. Balloon jibs were set square for the run to Clark Island. Kerikí immediately assumed the lead, and rounded the boat 5 minutes ahead of Yankee. Round the course the second time the race was merely a procession, Kerikí getting further away. At the Taylor Bay mark Southern Cross ran into second place, Willis shortly after passing the two raters. The positions were unchanged to the finish, Kerikí crossing the winning line at 5h. 42m. 50s. The others were not timed.

The club steamer Courier followed the race, and was well patronised. The officers of the day were:—Starter and judge, Mr. R. J. Banks; timekeeper, Mr. B. de Groen; umpire, Mr. J. G. Carter; whilst Mr. J. Birnie had charge of the steamer.

JOHNSTONE'S BAY CLUB.

A general meeting of the Johnstone's Bay Sailing Club was held in the clubrooms, Pacific Hotel, Stephen-street, Balmain, on Tuesday night. Mr. S. Boyd (commodore) presided over a large attendance. The prizes won in the 10-footers' handicap on Saturday last were presented as follows:—Crescent II. (C. Dunn), first, £2; Zanita (W. J. Holmes), second, £1; Elma (W. F. H. York), 10s. Mr. C. B. Westmacott wrote accepting the position of vice-president, and forwarding a donation towards the prize funds. A letter was received from Mr. Mark Foy asking to be supplied with a list of the colours of registered club boats. It was decided to comply with the request. A deputation of owners of boats limited to jib, mainsail, and topsail waited upon the club to ask that a race should be included in the season's programme for this class of boat. After the views of the deputation had been explained, it was agreed to add races, provided that seven entries were obtainable for each race. On the resolution of Mr. W. Read it was decided to add a race to this season's programme for raters, to take place early in January.

IRON COVE CLUB.

The newly-formed Iron Cove Club opened the season on Saturday afternoon by a general handicap. There were 13 starters, and the course chosen was round Rodd Island. The race was witnessed by a number of spectators, and resulted in a win for Eva, rater (W. Crase), 9 minutes; Dorothy, 16ft. (Rev. R. Cameron), 9 minutes, being second, and Edith May, 18ft (W. Golding), scratch, third.

SYDNEY DINGY CLUB.

Vice-commodore H. N. Colley presided at a meeting of the Sydney Dingy Club held at Dodson's Hotel last evening. A communication was read from the secretary of the Commonwealth Celebrations Committee asking the club to nominate a delegate to the aquatic sub-committee, and Mr. A. C. Welch was appointed. The following entries were received for the 10-footers handicap to be decided next Saturday:—Australia and Olga (Newcastle), Ina, Crescent, Planet, Viola, Elma, Pheasant, Crescent II., and Zanita. The 8-footers race, which fell through on October 20 on account of the strong breeze, will also be sailed next Saturday. The following boats will compete:—Zephyr, Britannia, Inez, Era, and Valkyrie.

AQUATICS.

THE BALMAIN REGATTA.

The Balmain Regatta will be held on the waters of Iron Cove on Monday next. The ocean training ship Macquarie, of 2500 tons, Captain Frederick W. Corner, R.N.R., has been placed at the committee's disposal as flagship. A good programme is to be presented, consisting of 14 sailing and 12 rowing events, each section containing a number of comic events. The committee has decided to moor the ship opposite Cockatoo Island, and the courses for the various events have been arranged so that the spectators might have a good view of the competitors, either from the ship or from White Horse Point. Arrangements have also been made by Alderman T. Henley, hon. traffic manager, for a half-hourly ferry service to the flagship for the conveyance of passengers from the Drummoyne, Leichhardt, and Balmain West Ferry Company's wharf, and from the different wharfs at Balmain West. The entries for the sailing events number 100, as against 89 last year, and the rowing entries, apart from the miscellaneous items, also show an increase, the total being 41.

The positions drawn for senior fours is as follows:—Pearson's crew No. 1, Balmain No. 2, Black's crew No. 3, Bowyer's crew No. 4, Fanmer's crew No. 5, Gillies's crew No. 6. The handicaps for the scullers are:—Amateurs' race: Padula, 35 seconds behind; Baker, 30 seconds; Lichtscheidl, 28 seconds; Turner, 20 seconds; M'Gregor, 20 seconds; Newton, scratch. All-comers' best race: Pearce, 45 seconds behind; Bishop, 37 seconds; Messenger, 33 seconds; Mansfield, Carter, and M'Leish, 27 seconds; Bouchan, 20 seconds; Reid, scratch. All-comers' race, for those who have never won more than £10: M'Leish, 40 seconds behind; Bouchan, 30 seconds; S. Pearce and Reid, 5 seconds; Haydon, scratch. Post entries will be taken for the watermen's race in licensed boats. There are six crews in the senior fours race, three from Sydney, two from Glebe, and one from Balmain. This should be a fine contest. There are three crews in each race, maiden fours, junior fours, and maiden eights.

SWIMMING.

N.S.W. A.S. ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the executive of the New South Wales Amateur Swimming Association was held last night at the Sports Club (Limited). There was a full attendance of members of the committee, Mr. James Taylor being in the chair. A letter was received from the secretary of the newly formed Leichhardt District Club, asking the association's assistance with regard to the framing of rules, &c. It was decided that the chairman and Mr. A. Griffiths should visit Leichhardt and furnish all information. The Balmain Club asked if a suit of clothes offered as a swimming trophy could be accepted. It was resolved in the negative, such a prize not being considered permissible under the rules. Regarding the complaint of a Redfern Club swimmer as to the reswimming of a handicap won by him, it was resolved to call all persons interested before the executive at next Wednesday's meeting.

The amendments in water polo rules referred from the annual meeting were considered and passed as suggested, and it was decided to at once issue in book form all the rules—constitutional, general and water polo—as recently amended.

The following officials were appointed to control the half-mile championship which is to take place at the Otter Club's carnival on the 1st proximo:—Starter and costume steward, Mr. A. W. Griffith; race steward, Mr. C. Olliffe; judges, Messrs. T. J. Moloney and A. T. Hendry; referee, Mr. James Taylor; timekeepers, Messrs. W. T. Kerr, G. Alcock, and A. J. Kessell.

The hon. treasurer's report on the natation day has just, showing a small loss, was tabled, and accounts connected therewith were passed.

The committee decided to call for fresh designs for the standard or honours certificates from local artists. Mr. E. S. Marks, the association representative on the sectional committee of the Commonwealth celebrations, reported what had been done with regard to the sport receiving proper recognition in connection with such celebrations.

It was resolved that the returning swimmers, Messrs. F. V. Lane, J. Hellings, and V. Lindberg, who are expected to arrive from England about the 18th instant, should be officially received on arrival by some members of the Ministry and the association at the Sports Club.

PYRMONT CLUB.

A 66-yards handicap was contested at the Pyrmont baths on Saturday afternoon amongst members of the local swimming club. The following were the results:—

First heat: Allan Buckle, 1; J. Gourlay, 2; J. Morrison and G. Mainwaring, dead heat, 3. Second heat: Alexander Buckle, 1; R. Ellis, 2; W. Macleay, 3. Third heat: W. Bardsley, 1; H. Morrison, 2; D. Morrison, 3. Final: Allan Buckle, 1; W. Bardsley, 2; Alexander Buckle, 3. Won easily.

REDFERN SWIMMING CLUB.

The above club opened the season on Monday night at Farmer's Baths with a 45-yards handicap. Mr. J. O'Hara acted as judge, Mr. H. Roberts as starter, and Mr. J. Reardon as timekeeper. The following are the results:—

First heat: W. Reilly, 1; W. Wells, 2; W. H. Smart, 3. Time, 30 1-5 seconds. Second heat: J. E. Rourke, 1; D. Jacobs, 2; L. Wright, 3. Time, 29 1-5 seconds. Final: W. Reilly, 1; D. Jacobs, 2; W. Wells, 3. Time, 29 1-5 seconds.

BROKEN HILL WATER SUPPLY.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The Public Works Committee met yesterday at the Town Hall to inquire into the necessity of a second water supply. The chairman, Mr. Dick, said the committee had an official statement about the present water supply and alleged deficiencies and means by which these deficiencies could be remedied. There were two schemes proposed. The first one, which did not provide complete reticulation, was estimated to cost £15,000, repayable in 30 years, and the second, which provided for complete reticulation, at a cost of £204,000.

Jabez Wright, Mayor, deposed that the inhabitants complained that the town has not reticulation, and there was great fear that something might happen to the water company's weir, and in that case there might be a collapse. With a better water supply more ore would be treated and more men would be required. After a storm the present water supply was very dirty. The water was better now. It would cost £1 a week to cultivate a decent garden. The Umberumberka scheme was quite equal to, if not superior than, the present scheme. Last year the council offered £500,000 for the present scheme. The council was not prepared to abide by that now.

G. D. Delprat, general manager of the Broken Hill Proprietary Company, said his company always had enough water, which was always very dear. The company had a sliding scale, if the company used over 5,000,000 gallons a month. The company as a rule used 5,000,000 gallons a month. Lately the scale had been altered and the company had paid a minimum of 2s 6d, but that was for large consumption. The scale now worked down from 5s to 2s 6d, with a consumption of 5,000,000 gallons or over. At this mine the concentration of every ton of ore required 120 gallons of water, irrespective of the water required for steaming purposes. The company used 9,700,000 gallons a month. About 7,000,000 gallons came from Stephens Creek. He thought there was room for a second supply. Broken Hill, if Stephens Creek ran dry, had no supply to fall back upon. Most of the ore was at 400ft. level; the prospecting shaft was down 1100ft., and the crosscut was at 800ft., and they got good ore at the latter level. He thought the Yancowinna scheme was preferable to the Umberumberka scheme, as the catchment was much better.

C. F. Courtney, general manager of the Central Company, said an additional water supply was absolutely necessary owing to the prospect of shortage. On the average his company paid 4s 2·7d per 1000 gallons, and were now using about 2,500,000 gallons per month. The water was occasionally very dirty, and sometimes was rather full of minerals. In January or February, 1898, when there was a great shortage, and in fact it looked as if the supply would run out, his company had a good deal of trouble with the boilers.

To-day most of the mine managers and water officials were examined.

At the Public Works Committee inquiry to-day Mr. J. C. Houlden (manager of the Junction mine) stated that although now able to obtain a full supply of water he thought additions to the supply were necessary. He expected soon to treat ore by a different process, which would require from 200 to 250 gallons per ton. The major portion of the lower-grade ore was being put aside. The Junction's annual consumption of water was from 8,000,000 to 10,000,000 gallons.

Mr. Charles Robert Murphy (manager of Mundi Mundi station) stated that the establishment of a reservoir on Umberumberka Creek would considerably affect the working of the station. He had two tanks. There was a good supply in one, but the other was dry. The construction of the proposed dam would cut off the supply of these tanks. It would be a serious loss to the owners of the stations, and would deprive them of 60,000 acres, which carry 6000 sheep.

Mr. T. C. Howard (managing director of the South mine) said a second water supply would do away with any water famine. The price of 5s was almost prohibitive for manufacturing purposes. The industry which kept up Broken Hill was in a very perilous position owing to the danger of the water supply giving out. Sulphide treatment was now only in its infancy. It was necessary in the first place that they should have cheaper water, then that they should have more water. It was absolutely necessary to have a bigger reservoir or a second reservoir. He considered the additional scheme with a supply of 150,000,000 gallons per year, in conjunction with the present scheme, would be sufficient.

Mr. James Retallick (manager of the British) stated that his mine always had plenty of water. They paid about 4s 6d per thousand. There were low-grade ores that would be treated. They were reserving these ores for future operations. If they could get the water at 1s 6d or 2s 6d a thousand it would mean a considerable difference. He did not think Stephens Creek Reservoir capable of properly supplying Broken Hill.

Alderman Williams gave evidence that if there were a cheaper water and better supply more ore would be treated. More men would thus be employed with better wages. The insanitary conditions of Stephens Creek supply would soon have to be taken into consideration.

Mr. E. A. Whitehead (the engineer of the Stephens Creek water supply) and Edward Laughton were also examined.

A WONDERFUL INVENTION.

The Bethlehem Company, of Pittsburg, America, have ("Engineering" says) sent to the Paris Exhibition a heavy lathe which has been erected in the building, and is driven by an electric motor, although unfortunately the power is not sufficient to show the tool to the fullest advantage. The lathe has in it an ingot of steel with 0·20 of carbon. This is being turned at a remarkable rate, the cut being taken by a tool of the form of an ordinary round-nosed slid forged lathe tool. There is, however, nothing ordinary in the material of which the tool is composed, for the chips turn off red hot, as is also the cutting end of the tool. The peripheral speed is 140ft. per minute—it would have been higher had there been more power available and the depth of the cut is 3-16in. and the feed 1-16in. This is the general practice, except that, where full power is at command, the speed is 150ft. per minute in place of 140ft. The ·20 carbon represents soft steel, but medium hard steel of ·40 per cent. carbon is turned at 60ft. per minute, and very hard steel of 1·05 per cent. carbon at 15ft. per minute. The cutting, as we saw it (says "Engineering"), was naturally done dry, and the chips, as they came away, turned blue, showing the heat to which they had been subjected. By a printed circular handed to us, we are informed that tools of this steel have been in use in three of the machine shops of the Bethlehem Steel Company for over a year. We were also informed by the engineer in charge of the exhibit that armour-plate bolts 3⅛in. in diameter are cut, with oil, at 130ft. per minute. It takes eight minutes to finish both ends of the bolt, whilst with the ordinary tool the time occupied was 1½ hours. The metal of which the tool is composed is prepared by a secret process, the composition of the metal and the heat treatment in its production being both features in the discovery. The discovery has led to the substitution of this steel for the musket steel formerly used, about £12,000 worth of the latter being discarded. The main shafting in the shops has been changed from 90 to 250 revolutions per minute since the introduction of the Taylor-White steel; and, moreover, it is always easy to see if the men are working their machines at the proper rate by the heat-colour of the chips. The cutting speed has been raised in the shops by 183 per cent.; the depth of cut, 30 per cent.; the feed, 24 per cent.; and the metal removed, 340 per cent.

The capture of the black outlaws, and portraits of their captors, are among the illustrations in this week's "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

COUNTRY NEWS.

DENILIQUIN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

DENILIQUIN, Wednesday.

The annual show in connection with the Deniliquin Horticultural Society was held at the Town Hall to-day. The following were the most successful competitors:—

Pot plants: Mrs. Laman, Mrs. Rentoul, Mrs. Norris, and W. Jones. Cut flowers: Honours divided between Mesdames Kilpatrick, Laman, and Rentoul. Mottoes: Miss Rentoul and Miss Ross. Floral design: Miss Henty. Original device: Miss King. Miss Baker, Mrs. Sale, and Mrs. Desully secured the principal prizes for basket, fans, &c. There were 18 entries for the basket competition.

FLORAL FESTIVAL AT KIAMA.

KIAMA, Wednesday.

A successful floral festival and South African bazaar, in aid of the Wesleyan Church fund, was to-day officially opened at the School of Arts, Jamberoo, by Mr. C. W. Craig, J.P., Mayor of Jamberoo. All the stalls and costumes were of a patriotic description. Some rare trophies, sent over by Australian soldiers from South Africa, were exhibited. Great interest was taken in three shells (one 90-pounder and two 12-pounders) which were fired into Mafeking during the siege. Mr. John King, of Jamberoo, who was one of the Mafeking defenders, secured these trophies and sent them over to his relatives at Jamberoo. The principal competitions and winners are as follows:—

Hand bouquet: Miss Grace Dymock. Basket of flowers: Mrs. C. W. Craig. Gentleman's buttonhole: Miss Craig. Lady's spray: Miss G. Dymock. Table centre decorations: Miss Craig. Bouquet roses only: Miss Barnes. Miscellaneous cut flowers: Mrs. Craig. Carnations: Mrs. J. Wood. Pelargoniums: Rev. H. Wheen. Champion rose: Miss G. Nelson. Roses: Mrs. Craig. Bouvardias and antirrhinums: Miss G. Nelson. Specimen fern, musk begonia, and specimen plant: Mrs. James Wood. Potatoes: Mr. H. Richardson. Turnips: Perry Prior. Cabbage: H. Richardson. Parsnips and peas: Perry Prior. Home-made bread: Mrs. Richardson. Sponge cake: Mrs. J. Wood. Sponge sandwich: Miss Weston. Fruit cake: Miss Craig. Scones: Mrs. Richardson.

The bazaar will be continued to-morrow.

THE PEAK HILL FIRE.

PEAK HILL, Wednesday.

An inquiry was held to-day before Mr. G. W. Seaborn and a jury of 12, of which Jacob Matthews was foreman, concerning the fire on Saturday last by which several shops were destroyed. Many witnesses were examined, and an open verdict was returned.

A FATAL FALL.

WARREN, Wednesday.

A man named Eymar, in the employ of Mr John M'Kay, Pigeonbah, had his skull fractured to-day owing to his horse falling with him. Dr. Wilson was shortly afterwards in attendance, but although deceased recovered consciousness he died during the afternoon. Eymar was unmarried, and about 40 years of age. He was a native of Victoria.

A MAN FOUND DEAD.

TAMWORTH, Wednesday.

A man was found lying dead in Carthage-street yesterday. From inquiries made by the police he was identified as Charles Bolland, aged about 60, a farm labourer, who had recently been working at Dungowan. Deceased had been unwell lately, but when arrangements were made for his admission to the hospital he refused to go there. The district coroner has decided to hold a magisterial inquiry.

ALBION PARK, Wednesday.

The annual school concert of St. Joseph's Convent was held last night. Owing to a heavy thunderstorm the attendance was not large.

BERRY, Wednesday.

The District Lodge of Good Templars here has decided to hold a grand temperance demonstration in Kiama on Boxing Day.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

Mr. Thomas, M.L.A., telegraphed to the Mayor to-day stating that the Minister for Works had informed him that the construction engineer for the street trams would leave Sydney for Broken Hill within a week at the latest.

To-day was observed as a trades holiday. The weather was hot and dusty. Numerous private picnics took place, and cycling sports were held at M'Culloch Park. Athletic sports were also held at Allendale, first meeting.

COONAMBLE, Wednesday.

Old feed is fairly plentiful and stock are in good condition, but water is getting scarce on the stock routes. All the wheat crops are being cut for hay.

Rev. J. A. Cooper, rector of St. Barnabas', who is leaving here, has accepted the position of curate of St John's, Parramatta.

GLEN INNES, Wednesday.

A naval and military fair in connection with the Glen Innes Wesleyan church will be opened to-night. The Town Hall has been fitted up with ships, lighthouses, fancy stalls, and post-offices. The stalls will be presided over as follows:—Flower stall, Mrs. Thomas and the Messrs. Thomas (two), Dawson, Grey, and Souter; fancy stall, Mesdames Alcock, Grey, and Munro, and Messrs. White, Grey, Priest, and Kelly; canteen, Mrs. J. Grover and Misses Stephenson, Hedly, Osborne (three), Burne, Chandler, White, Cadell, and Priest; Baden-Powell fishpond, Misses Grover and Priest; commissariat, Mesdames Healey, Rawles, and Shepherd; post-office, Miss Denshire and Miss Nelson.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

The Salvation Army local corps self-denial week realised £120, being £20 more than last year.

News has been received here of the death at Marrickville this morning of Father Vincent Grogan, formerly superior of the Passionists.

GUNNEDAH, Wednesday.

The annual garden fete in connection with the hospital was held last night. The grounds were illuminated by Chinese lanterns. The band was present, and a concert was given. The takings were about £37.

HAY, Wednesday.

At a Crown land sale to-day 80 acres of river frontage land was sold at £3 1s per acre to Henry Parslow.

INVERELL, Wednesday.

The prizes won at the recent Public school sports were presented at the Oxford Hall on Saturday afternoon last. There was a large attendance of teachers, scholars, and parents. The proceedings opened with pianoforte selections. Mr. J. W. Parkins, the chairman, reviewed the circumstances of their annual sports meeting. Mr. J. J. H. Gibson distributed prizes, some of which were very handsome. Mr. Cousins stated that the total value of the prizes was £30.

The Mayor last week sent £53 14s to the Indian Famine Fund, the result of local subscriptions.

Mr. Cruickshank, M.L.A., has been notified that the sum of £4000 will be placed on the next Estimates for a new post-office at Inverell.

The Gragin coal seam is now down 180ft. It is still going through sandstone.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

The Zigzag Colliery reports a further stoppage of 2½ hours to-day for lack of railway trucks. Burraga reports that a large number of men and teams are now employed drawing wood for the Lloyd Copper Company's furnace. The new furnace is almost complete, and is much larger than the other two.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday.

The Lands Department has informed the member for the district that a further report is being obtained from the district surveyor with reference to the proposed road through the Orange Grove Estate from Liverpool to the Cabramatta-road. Upon receipt of the report consideration will be given to Mr. J. Hull's offer to accept the sum of £100 in full settlement of his claim in reference to land necessary to be resumed for the proposed road through his property.

The Liverpool Ladies' Benevolent Society has empowered the treasurer and secretary to interview the Government Examiner of Accounts with a view to procuring the subsidy, the non-receipt of which is hampering the work of the society.

At the conclusion of the business at the local police court yesterday, the P.M. (Mr. Wilshire) took occasion to congratulate Mr. W. H. Goodman, C.P.S., upon his appointment as a justice of the peace. His congratulatory remarks were supplemented by Dr Beattie, Government medical officer for the district, who paid a high tribute to Mr. Goodman's sterling worth as a public official and a private citizen. Alderman Chapman, J.P., and Police Sergeant Smith also joined in the congratulations. Mr. Goodman, in responding, said he felt grateful for the kind expressions, and would endeavour to merit the compliments extended to him.

The Works Department has informed the Liverpool Council that, as the granting of that body's request to place a gang of men in Samuel's quarry to obtain stone for a portion of the Hoxton Park-road would involve considerable expense, the matter must remain in abeyance till the Estimates are passed. It is the council's intention to urge the Government to resume the quarry, which contains the best stone in the district for road purposes.

MOLONG, Wednesday.

An industrial exhibition and annual sale of gifts in connection with the Wesleyan church were officially opened this afternoon by Mr. S. P. Reynolds. Special efforts were made to make this exhibition a record success.

Mr. and Mrs. John Watt, of Balderodgery, returned home this morning after a trip to England and Scotland.

The Pasture and Stock Protection Board will cease paying for the scalps of noxious animals other than native dogs after the 15th instant. The expenditure of the board for the past year averaged over £200 a month.

QUEANBEYAN, Wednesday.

Wesleyan Home Mission meetings at Wattle Park and Queanbeyan, conducted by the Rev. J. W. Winspear, of Goulburn, have been very successful.

SUNNY CORNER, Wednesday.

The Progress Committee has been notified that a grant of £20 has been made to repair the Meadow Flat-road.

WAGGA, Wednesday.

Mr. G. T. C. Miller, M.L.A. for Monaro, and a party from that district visited the experimental farm to-day.

The local corps of the Salvation Army during its recent self-denial week collected £56 10s, which amount has been forwarded to head-quarters.

A large bush fire broke out to-day on the Wagga-Pomingalarna common, and 300 acres of grass were burned.

WALLERAWANG, Wednesday.

The proceeds of the fancy fair held here last week totalled £125. The proceeds are to be devoted to renovating the Church of England rectory. Successful entertainments were held each evening, the attendances being the largest seen here.

The weather continues very dry, no rain of any duration having fallen for about five weeks.

WALGETT, Wednesday.

A general meeting of the commoners was held at the School of Arts last night for the purpose of discussing the proposed exchange of land in connection with the alteration of the site of the artesian bore. Mr. W. H. Wright moved,—"That the Walgett commoners are of opinion that they should surrender to the Government any portion of the common required for artesian or agricultural purposes, provided they receive a similar area out of the mail paddock in exchange for the same." This resolution was carried.

WARREN, Wednesday.

At the Crown land sale five lots were disposed of, aggregating about £6000. Block 384 acres brought £3 10s per acre.

WOLLONGONG, Wednesday.

The annual picnic in connection with St. Michael's Church of England was held this afternoon at Stuart Park. There was a very large attendance of children, parents, and friends, and a very enjoyable day was spent.

The annual flower show in connection with the Agricultural Society realised over £5.

Applications are being invited from candidates for a two years' bursary at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College from youths throughout the district.

WYALONG, Wednesday.

The monthly meeting of the municipal council, which should have been held last night, lapsed for want of quorum, sufficient aldermen not being in attendance 30 minutes after the hour for which the meeting was called. No accounts could be passed, and the business, which has been postponed from time to time, could not be dealt with. The time has almost expired within which the necessary bylaws under the Health Act must be passed, as required by reason of the municipality having been proclaimed a sanitary area. A special meeting of the council will have to be called to transact this business.

MR. KRUGER.

Mr. Kruger has (the "Spectator" says) abandoned the Transvaal—or, as he quaintly puts it, he has taken six months' leave. That the ex-President brought his country to ruin by his obstinacy and violence will, we believe, be the verdict which history will ultimately pass on this singular man. Had he been willing to share power with the Uitlanders, and to show even in a moderate degree that liberality in naturalisation which Bacon long ago recognised as essential to permanency in States, the Republic would not only be standing to-day but would be growing stronger every year. But the President, able as he was in many ways, could not realise this, could not understand that very often in life he who wishes to keep power must be content to lose a portion of it, and that the monopolist too often, while he seems to have made all secure, loses everything. Mr. Kruger and his burghers were in truth at heart monopolists. They could not believe that there was any value in a thing they desired unless they could have it all, and could prevent others taking a share. The Boer only valued the vote if he possessed it while somebody else did not.

The President's great opportunity occurred after the Jameson raid. If he had then turned over a new leaf, and met the designs of Mr. Rhodes by a generous admission of new blood into the Republic, he might have founded his State on an unshakable rock. The Uitlanders were disgusted, as well they might be, with the handling of their cause by the organisers of the Raid in Capetown and the Chartered Company's dominions, and if President Kruger had first crushed the revolt and then proceeded to redress of grievances, nothing could have prevented his Republic developing into a strong and self-governing State, protected from foreign jealousies by the British fleet, but otherwise absolutely mistress of her own affairs. It must not be supposed that Mr. Kruger had not the wit to realise this. He saw it clearly enough, and deliberately rejected the notion as one which had no attractions for him. When an Englishman, thinking that the peasant-statesman was blind to this view of the situation, pointed out how greatly the Republic would gain in stability by the admission of the Uitlanders, the President replied in words something like the following:—"There are now half a dozen men outside the waggon trying their best to upset it. You tell me that if I let them get into the waggon they will not only not want to upset it any more, but will help to stop anyone else upsetting it. That is perfectly true; but when they are in they will want to drive in a different direction from what I do." There is the whole of the Boer attitude in a nutshell. They were the born drivers, the real owners of the land—as a matter of fact their title was not 50 years older than that of the most recent Uitlander—and they were as determined to do what they would with their own as any patricians of old Rome. To share power with the "plebs," and thereby to consolidate the Republic, was a delusion—the thing consolidated would not be the true Republic, but something perfectly different, and to them at least utterly worthless. To the Boers the proverb that half a loaf is better than no bread did not apply. Half the loaf was useless to them. It must be all or nothing. Those who sympathise naturally with aristocracies, who in history admire the unyielding pride of the Venetian oligarchy, and who applaud the fierceness with which the Southern slaveholders fought to retain their monopoly of power, will no doubt see a great deal of pathos in the destruction of Mr. Kruger and his so-called Republic. For ourselves, who hold with the Liberal ideas which have always in the end controlled and inspired the Anglo-Saxon race, we cannot profess any very great sorrow that the Boer ideals of exclusiveness, monopoly, and caste ascendancy have perished. On the contrary, and quite apart from other and more poignant reasons for rejoicing in the downfall of the Boer oligarchy, we are glad that the world has had another proof that rule by a narrow caste resting on force cannot last. A political philosopher might, indeed, find in the history of the Boers a wonderfully clear and concentrated illustration of the forces which bring an oligarchy to ruin. Power when unchecked and unlimited, and exercised, not because it is sanctioned by the inhabitants at large, but because it is the will of a privileged class who are born to its use and who enjoy its exercise over others as a birthright, always ends by intoxicating and demoralising those who possess it. The Boer oligarchy, like all oligarchies before it, became drunk with the exercise of power, and, like a drunken man, lost all sense of proportion. But the Boers were doubly demoralised. The possession of vast wealth in its most concentrated, and so most intoxicating and exciting, form added to the effects already produced by the sense of being a caste in whom authority resided by the right of race. The pride of power and the sense of the apparently boundless possibilities opened up by their hoards of gold went to the Boers' heads like new wine. In their hearts they did not regard the war when it began as a last stand to defend their homes, but as chastisement due to the Englishmen for their insolence. They were to be taught to mind their own business, just as the Kaffirs had occasionally to be taught. To Englishmen who compare the British Empire with the little State on the veldt this probably sounds nonsense, but nevertheless it is true. The Boers did not think that they were entering upon an unequal struggle, any more than did the Confederated States when they determined to show "the Northern scum," as they insolently called the Federals, who were the better men.

President Kruger's personality has been compared to that of Hofer, but in truth he was a very pinchbeck Hofer. Indeed, if we were not anxious to avoid anything which might seem like insulting a fallen man, we should be tempted to say that there was no possible analogy between the lofty patriot of the Tyrol and Mr. Kruger. Hofer was certainly never demoralised by wielding the authority of an oligarchy drunk with power and gold. If half the people in the Tyrol had been French and the Tyrolese had ruled these Frenchmen harshly and oppressively and refused to give them any share in government, and if then a French army had come into the Tyrol to relieve their compatriots, the comparison might have been illuminating. Since, however, none of these things were so, and Hofer was as poor as Kruger is rich, we do not think the matter worth pursuing. But though Mr. Kruger is not a Hofer, we do not in any sense think him a bad man. He is cunning and stubborn, and he has occasionally shown himself unable to deal with those in his power without a certain touch of brutality and insolence—witness the dog speech—but there is nothing outrageous or malign in his character. If he is untruthful the fault must be pardoned him, for it belongs to all his people in a greater or lesser degree. The charges of corruption made against him are also a little unfair. He has had immense chances of making money, and he has used them freely, both for himself and his relations, but no reasonable person can doubt that President Kruger would never have hesitated for a moment to use his whole private fortune in the service of the State as he understood it. Mr. Kruger is, as a matter of fact, neither the sinister monster his enemies depict him, nor, again, the high-souled patriot of the Hofer or the George Washington type. He is a hard-fisted, not over-scrupulous man of great determination, great craftiness, and great tenacity, but also very limited in his ideas. To speak of him as a great statesman is an exaggeration, for he has again and again thrown away his country's best chances by his narrowness of view and by his inability to understand his opponents. For example, he has most foolishly made a bogey of Mr. Chamberlain, and listened to every idle tale told about the Colonial Secretary till his judgment has become entirely warped. The fact is, President Kruger's personality is an epitome of that of his people. He began as a simple hard-headed farmer, but the power to ride roughshod over thousands of men without any possibility of his will being effectively challenged, and the possession of vast wealth, not merely in the way of investment, but in hoarded gold, have produced in his character those disagreeable features which are always to be found in members of an oligarchy at once arrogant and illiterate, proud and coarse, rich and illiberal. Compare Mr. Kruger in 1880 with what he is now, and you may read the whole history of the Boers and discover why it became impossible to live side by side with them, and why, though most reluctantly, the British Empire was forced to abate the nuisance at Pretoria. History will not class Kruger with its bad men, but it certainly will not put him among the Hampdens, the Washingtons, and the Hofers. The most he can hope for in the Temple of Fame is a niche beside Jefferson Davis. Strangely enough, in both cases the figure will have its foot on the neck of a black man.

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THE MILITARY INQUIRY.

MAJOR-GENERAL FRENCH'S EVIDENCE.

QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS.

The select committee of the Legislative Assembly appointed to inquire into matters affecting the despatch of troops to South Africa and into the condition of the military forces of the colony met again yesterday morning, when there were present Messrs. R. Sleath (chairman), R. D. Meagher, P. E. Quinn, J. C. L. Fitzpatrick and W. H. Wilks.

Major-General French was further examined. He said he understood, regarding a statement that the Martini-Henry rifles were honeycombed, that Colonel Roberts had been directed by the committee some time ago to prepare a report on the subject. Colonel Roberts had completed that report. "Honeycombed" was a technical expression and badly honeycombed meant that the rifles would have to be replaced, but slightly honeycombed was not so serious.

Mr. Meagher: How long will the honeycombed rifle last in war?

Major-General French: It is a question of degree. It is simply rusting. Colonel Roberts reports they are serviceable. Of course they are old. Some of them came out in 1885.

Continuing, Major-General French said he produced a list of officers who had not passed examinations for the rank they held, that had been asked of him on the previous day. There was a considerable number of officers on the list, but there were good reasons in nearly all cases. Some of the officers had been up for examination, but the results were not yet out. Others had been away in South Africa.

Mr. Sleath: Take the case of Sir George Dibbs.

Major-General French: Is he mentioned? I should not think he would be asked. We would not ask him to go up for examination.

Mr. Sleath: Well, I suppose if there is a certain practice it would apply to Sir George Dibbs, however excellent he may be.

Major-General French: I think there is a little margin left to the Commandant.

Mr. Quinn: If there is any margin it should apply in this case.

The following list of officers of the Volunteer forces, partially paid and unpaid, who are holding the ranks at present filled by them without having passed examinations for them was then put in:—

Major and Brevet-Lieutenant-Colonel T. S. Parrott, Engineers, appointed 4-3-94, in South Africa; Major H. Passmore, 6th Regiment, appointed 27-4-98; Major D. Miller, A.S.C., appointed 1-1-94, in South Africa; Captain A. Hay, Lancers, 11-8-1900, not due for examination until April, 1901; Captain P. Charley, Lancers, appointed 11-8-1900, not due for examination till April, 1901; Captain J. Brunton, Lancers, appointed 22-9-1900, not due for examination till April, 1901; Captain W. L. Wilson, M.R., appointed 28-2-99, supernumerary; Captain R. A. M. Merewether, M.R., appointed 28-2-99, supernumerary; Captain J. Y. Nelson, Engineers, appointed 27-11-98; Captain T. W. K. Waldron, 3rd Regiment, appointed 28-12-97, in South Africa; Captain H. Macbardy, 5th Regiment, appointed 15-8-99, probationary; Captain R. H. Reynolds, 6th Regiment, appointed 29-4-97, honorary (quarter-master exempt); Captain R. D. Smyth, 8th Regiment, appointed 22-3-98; Captain L. A. Curtis, 6th Regiment, appointed 16-3-1900 (probationary); Captain T. M. O'Neill, 8th Regiment, appointed 12-9-1900, not due for examination until October, 1901; Captain Sir G. R. Dibbs, National Guard, appointed 28-12-98; Captain W. G. Henderson, National Guard, appointed 30-4-1900, not due for examination until April, 1901; 1st Lieutenant H. M. Osborne, Lancers, appointed 1-7-96; 1st Lieutenant T. B. Osborne, Lancers, appointed 11-8-1900, not due for examination until October, 1901; 1st Lieutenant S. T. Tayer, 1st Regiment, appointed 29-3-99, examined in October, results not published; 1st Lieutenant W. Martin, 3rd Regiment, appointed 15-8-99, examined in October, results not published; 1st Lieutenant J. Ritchie, 3rd Regiment, appointed 1-1-1900, examined in October, results not published; 1st Lieutenant C. R. Cunningham, 4th Regiment, appointed 30-9-98; 1st Lieutenant T. N. Johnstone, 4th Regiment, appointed 29-3-99; 1st Lieutenant G. W. Millard, 4th Regiment, appointed 2-4-1900, not due for examination till April, 1901; 1st Lieutenant G. A. I. Mackay, 5th Regiment, appointed 15-8-99, examined in October, results not out; 1st Lieutenant A. L. M'Lean, 5th Regiment, appointed 15-1-1900, not due for examination till April, 1901; 1st Lieutenant J. W. James, 8th Regiment, appointed 10-1-1900, not due for examination till April, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant J. B. Wilson, Lancers, appointed 18-11-98; 2nd Lieutenant S. O. Osborne, Lancers, appointed 29-2-99, in South Africa; 2nd Lieutenant R. M. Heron, Lancers, appointed 21-7-99; 2nd Lieutenant C. W. F. P. Roberts, Lancers, appointed 21-3-1900, in South Africa; 2nd Lieutenant R. Hall, Lancers, appointed 11-8-1900, not due for examination till October, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant P. D. Cox, A. H., appointed 1-1-98; 2nd Lieutenant G. R. Irving, A.H., appointed 10-1-98, in South Africa; 2nd Lieutenant J. F. M. Wilkinson, A.H., appointed 1-3-98, in South Africa; 2nd Lieutenant D. H. R. Harrison, A.H., appointed 18-11-98, probationary; 2nd Lieutenant P. Crossing, A.H., appointed 22-6-1900, not due for examination until October, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant A. E. M. Battye, M.R., appointed 18-11-98, in South Africa; 2nd Lieutenant M. F. Dalton, M.R., appointed 30-12-98; 2nd Lieutenant W. H. C. Rankin, M.R., appointed 29-3-99, examined in October, results not published; 2nd Lieutenant H. R. Peckley, M.R., appointed 16-3-1900, in South Africa; 2nd Lieutenant W. F. Everett, M.R., appointed 16-3-1900, not due for examination till April, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant W. A. G. Lee, M.R., appointed 16-3-1900, not due for examination till April, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant F. F. P. Hepworth, N.S.W.A., 8-2-98, examined in October, results not known; Lieutenant T. L. Mullins, N.S.W.A., appointed 8-2-98, probationary, in South Africa; 2nd Lieutenant W. Cowlishaw, N.S.W.A., appointed 21-7-99, examined in October, results not known; 2nd Lieutenant M. A. O'Callaghan, N.S.W.A., appointed 15-8-99; 2nd Lieutenant S. J. Senior, N.S.W.A., appointed 16-3-1900, probationary, examined in October, results not known; 2nd Lieutenant V. A. B. Willis, N.S.W.A., appointed 23-6-1900, not due for examination till October, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant J. N. C. MacTaggart, Engineers, appointed 10-1-1900, not due for examination till April, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant E. V. T. Rowe, Engineers, appointed 10-1-1900, not due for examination till April, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant J. P. V. Madsen, Engineers, appointed 30-4-1900, not due for examination till April, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant S. H. Barraclough, Engineers, appointed 26-10-99, examined in October, results not known; 2nd Lieutenant J. E. Bainton, Engineers, appointed 22-9-1900, not due for examination till October, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant W. A. Forsythe, 1st Regiment, appointed 30-12-98; 2nd Lieutenant T. J. Butler, 1st Regiment, appointed 29-3-99; 2nd Lieutenant E. M. Sullivan, 1st Regiment, appointed 26-5-99, examined in October, results not known; 2nd Lieutenant H. N. Russell, 1st Regiment, appointed 2-2-1900, examined in October, results not known; 2nd Lieutenant L. Dobbin, 1st Regiment, appointed 30-4-1900, examined in October, results not known; 2nd Lieutenant D. A. Bensusan (cadet), 1st Regiment, appointed 23-6-1900, examined in October, results not known; 2nd Lieutenant W. Devereux, 2nd Regiment, appointed 1-5-97; 2nd Lieutenant T. E. Simmons, 2nd Regiment, appointed 10-1-1900, not due for examination till April, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant J. F. Cox, 2nd Regiment, appointed 16-3-1900, not due for examination till April, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant T. J. Hughes, 2nd Regiment, appointed 23-6-1900, not due for examination till October, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant J. E. F. Coyle, 2nd Regiment, appointed 23-6-1900, not due for examination till October, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant J. G. Edie, 2nd Regiment, appointed 23-6-1900, not due for examination till October, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant R. R. Wisdom, 2nd Regiment, appointed 22-9-1900, not due for examination till October, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant J. N. Fitzgerald, 3rd Regiment, appointed 2-2-1899, examined in October, results not known; 2nd Lieutenant W. H. Pridham, 3rd Regiment, appointed 28-2-1899, examined in October, results not known; 2nd Lieutenant J. W. Barton, 3rd Regiment, appointed 22-9-1900, not due for examination till October, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant F. L. A. Dwyer, 4th Regiment, appointed 22-3-1898; 2nd Lieutenant T. M. Johnstone, 4th Regiment, appointed 31-3-1898; 2nd Lieutenant W. J. Cragg, 4th Regiment, appointed 3-6-1898, examined in October, results not known; 2nd Lieutenant F. H. Finch, 4th Regiment, appointed 31-3-1899, examined in October, results not known; 2nd Lieutenant J. A. M. W. Thompson, 4th Regiment, appointed 10-1-1900, not due for examination till 1901; 2nd Lieutenant H. M. D. Weaver, 4th Regiment, appointed 10-1-1900, not due for examination till April, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant R. Peeble, 4th Regiment, appointed 30-4-1900, not due for examination till April, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant A. Joseph, 4th Regiment, appointed 30-4-1900, not due for examination till April, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant R. Wittycombe, 4th Regiment, appointed 23-6-1900, not due for examination till October, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant T. M'L. Lobban, 5th Regiment, appointed 15-8-99, examined in October, result not known; 2nd Lieutenant J. Cameron, 5th Regiment, appointed 12-8-99, examined in October, result not known; 2nd Lieutenant N. J. Mair, 5th Regiment, appointed 26-10-99, examined in October, result not known; 2nd Lieutenant A. L. M'Lean, 5th Regiment, appointed 10-1-1900, not due for examination till April, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant A. G. Macdonald, 5th Regiment, appointed 16-3-1900, not due for examination till April, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant A. G. Robertson, 5th Regiment, appointed 30-4-1900, not due for examination till April, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant W. W. Morris, 5th Regiment, appointed 30-4-1900, not due for examination till April, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant W. O. Watt, 5th Regiment, appointed 30-4-1900, not due for examination till April, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant S. V. H. Northcott, 5th Regiment, appointed 30-4-1900, not due for examination till April, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant W. G. T. Goodman, 6th Regiment, appointed 26-5-98; 2nd Lieutenant A. M'Kye, 6th Regiment, appointed 29-3-99, examined in October, result not known; 2nd Lieutenant A. S. Scott, 6th Regiment, appointed 16-3-1900 examined in October, result not known; 2nd Lieutenant C. B. Jenkins, 6th Regiment, appointed 16-3-1900, not due for examination till April, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant F. J. Salmon, 6th Regiment, appointed 30-4-1900, not due for examination till April, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant E. H. Reynolds, 6th Regiment, appointed 23-6-1900, not due for examination till October, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant S. B. Dowsett, 6th Regiment, appointed 22-9-1900, not due for examination till October, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant L. Solomons, 7th Regiment, appointed 7-9-97; 2nd Lieutenant J. G. Higgs, 7th Regiment, appointed 22-3-1898; 2nd Lieutenant S. Davis, 7th Regiment, appointed 17-1-1899, examined in October, results not known; 2nd Lieutenant H. J. Parker, 7th Regiment, appointed 29-3-1899, examined in October, results not known; 2nd Lieutenant G. K. Kirkland, 7th Regiment, appointed 21-7-1899, examined in October, results not known; 2nd Lieutenant J. J. Anderson, 7th Regiment, appointed 10-1-1900, not due for examination till April, 1901; 2nd Lieutenant P. F. Meagher, 8th Regiment, appointed 15-8-1899; 2nd Lieutenant J. A. Sanders, 8th Regiment, appointed 10-1-1900; and the following six not due for examination till April, 1901:—2nd Lieutenants T. S. Saywell, A. Blatch, J. Gonsalves, M. E. Nash, J. N. Slattery, and C. D. Matthew; 2nd Lieutenant J. P. L. M'Call, 8th Regiment, appointed 12-9-1900, and T. O. O'Sullivan, 8th Regiment, appointed same date, not due for examination till October, 1901; 2nd Lieutenants J. R. Macdonald, W. J. Hoylan, D. R. Inglis, National Guard, appointed 27-2-1900, not due for examination till April, 1901. The following supernumeraries in the army service corps are not due for examination till October, 1901: 2nd Lieutenants J. R. M'Gregor, H. A. Voysey, A. T. Anderson, M. Abbott, and S. King.

In reply to the chairman, Major-General French said that in the case in which Sir George Dibbs appeared in a law suit in connection with a man of his corps he merely appeared as the representative of his corps.

Mr. Sleath: Do you not think that was a rather hard case?

Major-General French: It seems that the man had some grievance.

Mr. Sleath: He appealed to the Full Court and the case was quashed.

Major-General French: I had nothing to do with that; it was a case between the man and his officers.

In reply to further questions Major-General French said he knew there was a military clothing factory in England where clothing was manufactured on a large scale. Personally he was in favour of the Government making its own uniform. In Brisbane they had a small concern, but Federated Australia should certainly make its own army clothing. He was in favour of having everything required by the army made by the Government wherever possible, but he was particularly strong in having the ammunition made. There was always a tendency on the part of a contractor to make more money than he ought to do. The new battery of Nordenfeldts had arrived. It was of the very latest type. It had an additional attachment which can also be applied to "A" Battery. With regard to the Premier's statement that 20,000 men would take part in the Commonwealth celebration, his (witness's) estimate was that the forces would number 12,000. In regard to "A" Battery, Colonel Smith was one of the best officers in the service. That was why witness got him here. He could not say what number of our troops would be back from South Africa in time to take part in the Commonwealth celebrations.

Mr. Sleath: Did you see any statement in regard to Colonel Airey?

Major-General French: I have sent the extract to South Africa for further information.

This ended the examination of Major-General French. The committee adjourned until the following morning, when Captain Hixson and Commander Bosanquet are to be called.

PARRAMATTA DISTRICT.

ANNIVERSARY AT ST. ANDREW'S.

The anniversary of the induction of the Rev. J. Peterson to the pastorate of St. Andrew's Church, Parramatta, was celebrated on Monday evening by a tea and public meeting in the Presbyterian schoolhall, when there was a good attendance. At the after meeting the Rev. J. Paterson presided, and among the visitors were the Revs. Dr. Sellors, R. F. Becher, B.A., J. Kemp Bruce, and C. H. Talbot; also the Mayor, Alderman T. R. Moxham. The Mayor, in his opening remarks, referred to the progress that had been made during the year under review. Congratulatory addresses were delivered by the visiting clergymen, and an excellent musical programme was gone through.

CHRISTIAN CHAPEL, ROOKWOOD.

A tea meeting and public entertainment were held in the Christian Chapel, Rookwood, on Tuesday evening to celebrate the opening of the new additions recently made to the church. There was a good attendance, and at the public meeting Mr. G. T. Walden, of the Enmore Tabernacle, presided, and congratulated the church on the success that it had achieved during the past 12 months, especially in regard to its Sunday work. Other congratulatory addresses were delivered, and some excellent musical items were rendered.

PASTORAL INTELLIGENCE.

BOURKE, Wednesday.

Stock movements: 7500, 7230, 6218 ewes, 426 rams, Toorale to Forbes; 4482 lambs, Toorale; 1600 ewes, Dunlop to N. Yanco; 7700 lambs, Toorale to Yanco siding; 10,615 ewes and weaners, 1473 rams, 8350 ewes, Dunlop to Yarrabree, 1100 ewes and lambs, 974 rams, Toorale to Yarrabree, M'Caughey and Co.; 60 fat bullocks, Nelly Spring to Bourke, Budduba; 1345 wethers, Warraweena to Dubbo, and 5000 ewes and lambs; 415 rams, to Budgerry, M'Gregor and Tully; 6000 ewes, Warmoll's Island to Wagga, 50 horses, Muhagullah to Bourke; 81 horses, Bourke to Mulga No. 1, 81 horses, Mulga No. 1, to Bourke; 3000 ewes and lambs, Turee and Carrington leases to Girilambone, Mearns and Co.; 35 horses, Bourke to Bathurst, Gilmore; 692 sheep, Clifton Downs (Q.) to Orange, Hill, Clarke, and Co.; 6411 ewes, Warraweena to Hermidale, and 2829 ewes and lambs, Warraweena to Budgery, Macgregor and Tully; 10,366 ewes, Dunlop to Bindi, Boland Brothers; 2000 ewes, Warmoll's Island to the Pines, Narromine, 5100 sheep, Milroy to Tilsbury Hill, Oberon, 413 rams, Goodsville to Goonawest; 3000 ewes, Puttewarra, Muliagullah, to Narromine, Dalgety and Co.; 2704 cattle, 5 horses, Farnham Plains and Glenara (Q.) to Bourke, Haslam; 66 horses, Caiwarro (Q.) to Bourke, Raleigh, Russell and Co.; 21 horses, Diberah (Q.) to the Meadows, Cobar, Love; 200 rams, Coonong to Urisino, McCaughey; 989 cattle, Maranoa to Tongy, Caslins, Fitzgerald; 380 fat wethers, Mulgawarrina to Homebush, M'Phellamy and Wilson; 250 rams, Victoria to Brewarrina, V. J. C. Sadler; 180 horses, Kerribree to Alborn's lease, Davis Brothers; 69 horses, Bannan's lease to Cobar, J. B. Jones; 43 horses, Owengowen to Dubbo, Watkins; 1670 ewes, Acton Hills; 3346 ewes, 84 rams, Lower Lila to Orong Grong, Agency L. and F. Co.; 300 horses, Boorara to Linraas' lease, Patterson; 5000 wethers, Gundabooka to Tooma, Albury, T. Robinson Brothers.

GLEN INNES, Wednesday.

Stock Passings: 35 mixed cattle, Glen Innes to Ballala, G. H. Mitchell; 50 fat cows, Bonshaw to Emmaville, N. Cubis; 600 mixed cattle, Bouldrua Downs to Cooredulla, C. B. Dutton; 270 mixed cattle, Marra Marra, and 25 fat cows, Bonshaw to Glen Innes, W. Hodges; 100 fat bullocks, Terrica (Q.) to Lismore, T. Armstrong; 186 fat cattle, Marguola to Flemington, and 10 fat cows to Deepwater, P. Jeffrey; 194 mixed store cattle, Cooredulla to Uranbanju, A. F. Dutton; 50 fat bullocks, Mount Pleasant to Tent Hill, A. Telfer; 560 store bullocks, Tenterfield station to Gunyerwarildi, Mackay Bros.; 13 horses, Nullamanna to Bonshaw (Q.), Mrs. O'Donoghue; 311 horses, Cockatoo, Walton, and Taroom runs to Bald Hills, W. L. Beauchamp; 101 merino rams, Glengallan (Q.), Baugheet, Palmer and M'Coll; 1225 wethers, Inverell to Hanger's Valley, Campbell Bros.; 2100 ewes, Makin's Lease to Fieldshire, F. B. Starky; 1250 ewes and lambs, Pearsby Hall to Beaufort, J. Rogerson; 40 fat wethers, Lyndhurst, Warwick, to Tenterfield, W. Crisp; 4010 ewes, Wellitown to Glendon, and 191 wethers, Albertina to Glendon, Crammie Bros.; 2000 mixed sheep, Sunnyside to Blackwood, T. Wilson; 1650 lambs, Reedy Creek to Guyra, T. Tyson; 34 cattle, Tenterfield to Flemington, Bates.

INVERELL, Wednesday.

Gunnee station cut out on Monday. In four weeks 28,717 sheep were shorn, cutting 868 bales of clean wool, averaging 8lb. 10oz. per sheep.

MOREE, Wednesday.

The following stock passings are reported:—1906 wethers and ewes, Balarang to Inverell, John Sinclair owner; 3866 wethers, Gournama to Midkin, Robinson and Co. owners; 2620 wethers, from Weebollabolla to Blue Nobbie, G. H. Black owner; 2190 ewes, from Thalaba to Cope's Creek, F. H. Cooper owner; 600 mixed sheep, Guarlbone to Flemington, D. Strong owner; 23 mixed horses, Curraweilleigh, Queensland, to Moree, E. Robertson owner; 1700 wethers, from Stewartville to Woolamil, executors late A. T. Pitman owners; 1568 fat wethers, Mungyer to Flemington, E. Vickery and Co. owners; 107 mixed cattle, from Carlile, Queensland, to D. Bragin, Watercourse, W. H. Mackay owner; 2175 mixed sheep, Waroonga, D. Ashford, F. W. Strong owner; 1925 ewes, from Weebollabolla to Waranga, Queensland, L. A. Taylor owner; 1609 fat wethers, Mungyer to Sydney, E. Vickery and Co. owners.

NARRABRI, Wednesday.

Stock passings: 7500 wethers Bundabools to Lindsay, Sawers and Wilson; 3700 sheep, Kindlebilly, and 2505 wethers Muckleboro, to Aberdeen, Aberdeen Co.; 2028 wethers, Mooreland to Toorabel, J. Simpson; 420 mixed sheep, Mascotte to Sydney, T. A. Stirton; 720 fat lambs, Mascotte to Riverstone, B. Richards and Son; 140 fat lambs, Bugey Creek to Sydney, M. J. Howard; 2500 mixed sheep, Long View to Bendemeer, T. Wyatt; 646 fat sheep, Pendennis to Sydney, S. A. Thompson; 260 fat sheep, Jews Lagoon to Sydney, T. D. Murphy.

QUEANBEYAN, Wednesday.

Shearing is proceeding generally in the district, and the clips are exceptionally large.

YOUNG, Wednesday.

Shearing operations are nearing completion. The clip all round far in excess that of last year, and the wool is in splendid condition.

MUNICIPAL COUNCILS.

CONCORD.

This council met on Tuesday, October 30. There were present—the Mayor (Alderman Chapman), Aldermen Zoeller, Stanley, Thompson, and the council clerk, Mr. J. H. Bolster. Some complaints regarding the condition of drains and footpaths were referred to the council's officers. Mr. R. J. Lukey (secretary Australian Gaslight Company) notified that the board of directors had decided to supply free of cost 100 loads of tarred ashes for repairing the main asphalted road at Concord providing the council would take delivery at Mortlake and see to the proper distribution of the material. The offer was accepted. Mr. W. Taylor (municipal representative on the Fire Brigades' Board) notified that the board had decided to take action for the recovery of unpaid contributions by councils, and he desired to give the council timely notice so as to avoid the cost of the legal proceedings, fine, &c. Mr. J. P. Gilliver forwarded a cheque to defray cost of repairs to a road. The cheque was received with satisfaction. The health of the borough was reported to be very good.

MANLY.

The Manly Council met on Tuesday, November 6, when the Mayor (Alderman W. H. Fletcher) presided, and there were in attendance Aldermen F. C. Passau, Owen Carroll, J. F. Walker, A. Russell, J. J. Dargan, J. D. Meyer, E. W. Quirk, and H. E. Stevenson. A petition, presented by Alderman Quirk, for the removal for the garbage tip was referred to committee. An application by Massey and Co. for license to run a coach service in connection with the Spit tram met with hearty approval. Messrs. D. G. Stuart and F. B. Hurley complained that when picnicking on the 100ft. reservoir at North Harbour they had been peremptorily ordered off as trespassers. It was referred to committee to ascertain whether the reserve had been proclaimed or not. The Works Department wrote suggesting the transfer of the water and sewerage works of Manly to the Metropolitan Board with a combined rate of 1s 9d. The question was referred to committee on the understanding that a public meeting would be called before a decision should be arrived at. The engineer reported 3,843,250 gallons water pumped in two weeks; four new sewerage connections made; total 823, draining 833 tenements; six new water connections made, total 789. The Mayor moved,—"That a sewerage rate of 9d in the £ be and is hereby struck, to take effect from the date that each house is connected with the sewer until the Amending Act promised by the Works Department becomes law." The Mayor stated that the cost of the sewerage was about £22,800, the annual values of properties for rating were £39,000, and that a 9d rate would bring in £1462, which would about cover 3 per cent. on the outlay, salaries and incidentals. Alderman Stevenson seconded the motion, which was carried. Alderman Passau moved,—"That the Minister for Lands be requested to dedicate to this council 60ft. by 150ft. of a portion of the park fronting East-promenade, as a site for a council-chambers in lieu of the site of the present chambers." The motion was seconded by Alderman Quirk and carried, the works committee to report upon the most eligible site.

RANDWICK.

This council met on November 6. Alderman I. B. Hodgson (Mayor) presided, and there were also present Aldermen Bundock, Carter, Gale, Hannam, Hayward, Hincks, Kennedy, Powell, and Willis. The bank balances showed £572 15s 9d to the credit of the borough account; Military-road, £48 9s debit; main road, £199 18s 5d debit; and cemetery account, £31 1s 2d credit. The discussion of accounts for payment and matters appertaining thereto led to a protracted sitting. A general discussion resulted on the report of the Board of Health regarding samples of milk tested. The aldermen considered that where necessary the Mayor should take prompt action to protect the public from either the addition of water or the introduction of any chemical preservative such as would be deleterious to health. More systematic supervision of the milk supply was advocated. The superintendent of works reported that pipes were being laid at the intersection of Bunnerong-road and Doncaster-avenue, Kensington. The inspector of nuisances reported that the borough was free from infectious disease. The Redfern Council wrote requesting co-operation in support of a deputation favouring a daily tram service between the Redfern railway station and Randwick. The request was granted. A letter was received from the Chief Secretary's Office stating that the Railway Commissioners had no intention of utilising any portion of the Centennial Park on the southern side of the Randwick-road for tramway purposes.

BABS THE IMPOSSIBLE.

BY SARAH GRAND.

Do you think that only those who have reached maturity are interesting? You forget that the bud may be sweeter, and often in form is more beautiful, than the full-blown flower; and surely dimly foreshadowed possibilities, by causing pleasurable conjectures, delight the mind, and exercise it more wholesomely, than those dry facts which have but to be acquired, and leave nothing to be anticipated, hoped for, or feared, because they leave nothing doubtful. Pause, then, a moment here, and contemplate these children.

CHAPTER I.

Babs the Impossible sat on the edge of her bed, looking up, with the face of an angel and a heart full of guile. She was looking at the portrait of an ancestor of hers on the wall opposite. Her ancestor had merry eyes that followed her all about the room. He had been put there in disgrace for having had himself so badly painted; but he did not seem to mind. Neither did Babs when she was sent there in disgrace, which was pretty often.

"I'm bored," she said in herself, addressing the portrait. "What shall I do next?"

And, as if from the portrait in answer, there came to her the words:

There is a power whose care
Teaches thy way along the pathless coasts,
The desert and illimitable air,
Lone wand'ring, but not lost.

Babs sat with her eyes on her ancestor, reflecting deeply. It was not the first time the oracle had delivered to her that same inscrutable suggestion, and she could not make it out.

One of the blinds was up, but there was nothing special to look at outside. On a sudden, however, a strange light flowed across the valley from the summit of the hill opposite. It shone right into the chamber where Babs sat, and she transferred her attention to it. She knew that light of old. As a rule it was elusive, but there were times when it glowed like a sentient thing with colours that came and went to show emotion. Now for a moment it flashed forth red, green, and milky white; but instantly it had assumed its elusive appearance, and shone a soft, luminous haze in the distance. So rapid was the transformation that Babs thought she had been deceived in her first impression. "Cadenhouse has come home," she said to herself solemnly; then she arose.

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She had had a busy day, but a day of doubtful delights. Pursuits that she had entered upon in eager anticipation of pleasure had not proved to be so very amusing after all. In the contemplation of them her plans had all been promising, but when she tried to work them out something for which she had not allowed came into the game, and made it perplexing and difficult, instead of easy and agreeable.

First of all there had been lessons and the ever-recurring disputes with her governess. Babs hated books. She never had the slightest curiosity to know what was in them, although she was fifteen. What she understood by learning did not allure her. She had no ambition to be master of any subject, and it was in vain that Miss Minton, her governess, had striven to stir up a proper spirit of emulation in her.

"You will be sorry for it by-and-bye," Miss Minton had said to her only that morning in the schoolroom. "Look at Julia——"

"Physical impossibility," said Babs impertinently. "Julia isn't here."

"Consider Julia," Miss Minton recommenced sternly. "She is younger than you are, and already knows double as much——"

"That's not the proportion," said Babs. "She knows a lot, and I know nothing. Put that into a sum and see how it works out. I'd like to see how you arrive at the double of nothing."

Miss Minton compressed her lips and shook her head.

"It's not that you haven't brains of a kind, Lorraine," she said, "for you certainly have. If you were really stupid, I should pity you and be kind and patient with you, and not attempt to force you; but as it is, I don't know what to do. I'm here to teach you—I'm paid to teach you; and, although it is not my fault that I teach you nothing, I have conscientious scruples about taking money which I do not earn."

"Give Julia a double dose of teaching, then," said Babs, "to balance your scruples."

"Julia already knows——"

"The double of nothing," Babs put in.

"Lorraine, I must insist upon being respected."

"Oh, I respect you right enough—your character, you know," Babs assured her cordially. "It's in your arguments I find the flaws."

Miss Minton paused, frowning with perplexity.

"Julia," she recommenced at last, with the precision of suppressed irritation—"Julia does the highest honour to my poor efforts. She will be a credit to her family. When she comes out people will be amazed at her brilliant accomplishments."

"When I come out, they'll be amazed at my brilliant ignorance," said Babs; "and that will amuse them most—it's not so common."

Miss Minton had a fine, earnest, expressive face. She was one of the new generation of teachers, who study human nature and know something of its endless variety. She did not attempt to apply the same rule to Babs that answered with her more conventional sister Julia; but she had tried, and tried again in vain, to find the word that should appeal to Babs to persuade her.

"Lorraine," she began once more, after another pause, "I feel disheartened. When you go out into the world, believe me you will look back upon these wasted days and bitterly regret the spirit of opposition which is making you decline to profit by the great advantages that God has given you. I don't think I am unkind to you, I don't think I am unsympathetic; but if you have any complaint to make of me, if you could be different were I different, tell me."

Babs's sensitive face flushed.

"Please don't speak to me like that, Miss Minton," she exclaimed. "I think you're a brick, and I always say so. But that doesn't alter me, you know."

"Don't say 'brick,' dear."

"Well, pearl, then. You're a pearl of great price, Miss Minton—worth your salary, every penny of it, and all we can give you in the way of gratitude besides."

Miss Minton sighed.

"Such ridiculous exaggeration fails of its effect," she said.

"No, but Miss Minton, I do mean you're a good sort," Babs protested.

"A good sort!" Miss Minton ejaculated. "Your whole tone is deplorable."

"I know," said Babs.

"But if you'd try, dear," Miss Minton pleaded.

"It isn't a bit of use," Babs answered cheerfully—"not a bit."

"That's because you don't try."

"No, it isn't; it's because I have tried, and I know. The more I pore over those beastly books——"

Miss Minton tapped on the table sharply with the ruler. Babs started, and raised her eyebrows interrogatively.

"What kind of books?" Miss Minton demanded.

"Those objectionable books," Babs reeled off unabashed. "The more I try to master them, the less I learn. But when I don't try—when I persevere long enough in not trying—then things come to me—things that I seem to understand better than the things that have been explained to me, if you knew what I mean."

"It sounds very like nonsense," said Miss Minton dryly. "But at any rate we can't go on like this. You don't know a single lesson to-day, and here you have been sitting all the morning with a book before you and your eyes on the view from that window, not making the slightest attempt to learn. I cannot conscientiously let you go on like this. I must tell your mamma."

Babs's eyes had again sought the distant prospect while Miss Minton was speaking.

"Mamma be blowed!" she ejaculated dreamily.

"Lorraine!"

"Gently wafted away, then, if you like that better," said Babs.

"Really, Lorraine, your language is ——"

"A sign of the antiquity of my family," said Lorraine, casting about her eyes as if she were looking for something. "Language always goes to the bad in old families. It's the new people who are genteel. We're nearer to nature."

She rose as she spoke, tipped up the table with a sudden jerk, so that everything on it, including the inkstand, slid down into Miss Minton's lap, made a dash for the door, and had disappeared before the governess knew what was happening.

Miss Minton picked up the things patiently, and put the room tidy, lingering over the task because she felt it her duty to appear before Mrs. Kingconstance to show her inkstained gown and complain of Babs; and Miss Minton hated to have to complain of Babs. Even as she put the room to rights she began to make excuses for her. She thought the weather had something to do with her perversity, for the wind was cold, the sky was lowering, and the day altogether was sombre and sad—a day to make the sensitive shiver and the morbid think of suicide.

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But there are some enviable beings who, during their blissful span of life, set atmospheric pressure at naught, and never know which way the wind blows. Mrs. Kingconstance was one of these. If the sun shone, she ordered the carriage; if the rain fell, she ordered a fire; but in either case she was quite content. No foolish wish to alter the unalterable had ever disturbed her. She had never tried to plumb hidden depths of heart and soul, nor sought to see beneath the surface of society. She had no notion, in fact, that society was anything but surface. As the people she met appeared to her, so she understood them to be. She herself was one of those of whom it is said that they are always the same. This is meant for a compliment by the unobservant, who, having no wisdom themselves, nor power to apply the wisdom of others, go unwitting of the word that holds up to us "infinite variety" as the one charm that is ageless and deathless.

Life was no enigma to Mrs. Kingconstance, for the simple reason that she was content with such knowledge of it as she possessed. Progress did not enter into her state; it was stagnant. She had no vague longings for she knew not what, no vain regrets. The little world of her experience satisfied her; and it was natural that it should, for she found herself exactly where she wished to be. Her income was ample, and, being the widow of a large landowner and mother of a young inheritor for whom it was her congenial duty to keep up the family mansion and nurse the estates, she looked down upon life from a desirable but not too elevated position, and that is by far the best place from which to obtain a satisfactory view of it. It is less enchanting to be upon the heights than to look up to them. Who is so thrilled as your snob of good birth when Royalty smiles upon him? Royalty itself knows no thrill to be compared to it. Situated as Mrs. Kingconstance was, such glimpses as she obtained of the most scandalous social intrigues took on the interest of picturesque romance, and even horrors of battle, of suffering at sea, of privation, of disease, did not disturb her, but, on the contrary, being stripped by gentlemanly journalists of shrieks and groans, distorted features, scattered brains, torn limbs, and bleeding wounds, these events merely appealed to her as items of interest sufficiently exciting to be a welcome of variety. She could sip her afternoon tea complacently while reading accounts of horrid crimes in the best newspapers. Only, of course, she always said the right thing on such subjects, such as "Dear! dear!" and "How very dreadful!"—which was natural, for who expects a handsome woman of 38, with health, wealth, and position, to do more?

(To be continued.)

WATER AND SEWERAGE BOARD.

The weekly meeting of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage was held yesterday, the president (Mr. J. Garrard) being in the chair. It was reported that the revenue collected from July 1 to November 3, 1900, was £116,853 7s 1d, as against £112,022 1s 11d during the same period of last year, or an increase of £4831 5s 2d. The average daily consumption of water from the Prospect Reservoir last week was 23,720,000 gallons. Returns showed that last week 871yds. of watermains had been laid, and that 1033yds. of sewers had been constructed, making a total length since July 1 last of 13 miles 1493yds. The Board of Health submitted the result of an analysis made on water taken from the following points of supply:—Inlet end, Prospect Reservoir; basin, head of canal, Prospect; Crown-street Reservoir; School of Arts, Burwood; Town Hall, Randwick; Council Chambers, Hurstville; Public school, Liverpool; private residence, Scott-street, Liverpool; private residence, Queen-street, Campbelltown; railway station, Campbelltown; Commercial Bank, Camden; private residence, Windsor-street, Richmond. The analyses showed very satisfactory results. It was decided to invite tenders for the annual contract for ploughing and harrowing at the sewerage farms at Botany and Rockdale for the year 1901.

The tender of Messrs. Butler, Geretty, and Willis of £2070, for laying 30¼in. steel main from Ryde to Ryde Hill was accepted. The tender of Messrs. Sharp and Penman, £365 7s 9d, was accepted for the reconstruction of the drainage of city properties belonging to the Government within the resumed area.

The weekly report on the inspection of city properties by special sanitary inspectors showed that 618 premises had been inspected and 433 had been reported on. The total number of inspections to date was 14,971.

The thirty-first report on the fumigation of sewers and destruction of rats was read. The area operated on was that portion of Glebe abutting Blackwattle Bay and Wentworth Park. The sewers and house drains were found in many instances to be very defective.

WANTED, A COMMERCIAL AGENT IN LONDON.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—"One Who Knows" favours you with his views on this subject, and I would be glad of the favour of space for a few remarks also.

That it were well the Government should appoint an agent in London is admitted on all sides, but to say that the appointment of the most able and skilful advocate of our interests it were possible to find would have materially altered the position for us as regards the placing of South African and China orders is erroneous.

The true reasons, and I also am "one who knows," are, first, that the methods of our farmers and others as regards the packing, dumping, and pressing of fodder for export are not sufficiently developed to allow us to compete with our neighbours, whose appliances, thanks to our own necessities in the past, and even in the present, enable them to cope with any sudden demand for fodder for export. We ourselves at present import baled hay from Victoria which is selling at 80s per ton, while our farmers send to Redfern equal quality hay which sells only at 60s.

Then as to chaff, very little dumping is resorted to in Sydney, even though for the past six months our farmers have been able to keep Victoria almost wholly out of her market by sheer weight of quantity sent along. Notwithstanding this Victoria still holds the Queensland markets for pressed fodder, although we pay about half rate of freight. It is not that we could not compete in price and quality, but simply because our methods for competing with Victoria must be allowed to develop, and will most certainly with good seasons develop, without the use of the State spoon. Why we missed the large export orders was also partly because in the early stages of the war our farmers were holding back their fodder, fearing a drought—even so far as allowed Victoria to monopolise the market for chaff, hay, &c. (my firm imported as much as 10,000 bags chaff in one week).

However, admitting the importance of appointing a good commercial agent in London, the question arises as to selection, and I unhesitatingly say this should be left to the Chamber of Commerce. A produce agent—and I say this with all respect for an intelligent body of men—will not fill the bill. A gentleman of tact, suave, polite, and possessing the true commercial instinct is required. He must be a gentleman capable of maintaining intercourse with high officials and the merchant princes of London. He must also be a man who possesses the confidence of the commercial world. The remarks of "One Who Knows" and one or two paragraphs anent the appointment of a produce expert presuppose one interest alone as influencing the choice of an agent—that of the produce trade. This is absurd. Our mineral and pastoral resources are just as much in need of efficient representation, and our representative must also be well up in finance, the latest methods of trade and commerce, and, if possible, possess a knowledge of French and German, so as to be able to converse and correspond with these countries.

I am, &c., COMMERCE.

INSECURITY OF MINING TITLES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Many of the amendments proposed by the bill introduced to amend and consolidate the Mining Act are admirable, but the successful and just administration of such an Act will depend greatly upon the regulations which will be framed thereunder, and which should be most carefully considered before adoption.

Amongst some of the greatest drawbacks to the development of the mining fields in this colony are the insecurity of tenure, and the methods adopted to compel mining leaseholders to comply with the labour conditions of their leases. The policy in vogue at the present time is one which I venture to contend encourages a class of men in mining—persons who are ever on the alert to disturb the titles of holders of mining areas. Under one regulation it is open for any person to report any gold-mining lease for non-performance of labour conditions, and the reward of such person for so doing, and thus acting the part of "common informer," is that he is entitled to receive from the Department of Mines a secret beforehand notice of the date of the cancellation of the lease to enable him to be first upon the ground and get possession of it.

The practice referred to still continues, and the regulation is taken full advantage of. It has tended to arouse and foster an unneighbourly spirit amongst mining proprietors in many goldfields, inasmuch as by reason of it a leaseholder is apt to become suspicious of his neighbour, and look upon him as a detective ready to take the least advantage of any default on his part in respect to the labour conditions of his lease and to jump his land.

The wiping out of this regulation and the discontinuance of the practice would constitute one of the greatest mining reforms that could be introduced, and would promote the peaceable and yet proper development of our mining fields.

No doubt it is very desirable that leaseholders should be made to reasonably comply with the labour conditions of their leases; but why not adopt the same system in regard to them as is followed in respect to conditional purchases?

In every mining district there is a warden and warden's bailiff, who might be entrusted with supervision of the leases and make the necessary inspections to assure proper compliance with the terms of the leases. They would be independent inspectors, and leaseholders would not be harassed by having to answer complaints which in many cases are made to create annoyance.

We have in our colony many undeveloped mineral areas which, although perhaps rich, require considerable enterprise and pluck to develop; and those persons who expend their money in endeavouring to make the earth give forth its mineral wealth should have every encouragement, or at least should not be deterred by the adoption of methods for their supervision which tend to have a demoralising effect upon our mining community.

I am, &c.,
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CHAPTER XVIII.

"How can I make it clearer?" he exclaimed in despair. "You, of all women—you who prize so highly and admire so much all that is strong and manly and prosperous, despise so much all that is—the reverse,—you ought to understand!"

She held up an imploring hand, as if to stop him, with a gesture of supplication which was more eloquent than words. He looked at her for a moment, and his eyes grew soft.

"Yes, I know," he said gently, "you are tender-hearted, pitiful, all that a woman should be; you were full of compunction when you found you had hit a man hard by a few careless observations which were never intended for his ear (which observations, let me tell you now, would never have had the effect they did but for that man's attraction for yourself and consequent over-sensitiveness to your opinion); and you are fuller than ever of compunction now, because you know what you ought never, never to have known, and which I would have given worlds to have kept from you. But you must remember that compunction does not alter facts."

"What facts?" he continued, answering a mute inquiry of her eyes, for she had not spoken. "The facts that I am, what I am. . . a maimed and disfigured man, full of infirmities which rightly belong only to the old; a semi-invalid, condemned to lead an inactive and unmanly life. I have faced it long ago," he ended almost soothingly, as he marked the agitation Blanche could not altogether conceal, "so long, indeed, that the pain of it is almost over, the bitterness almost past, or, at least, I thought so, till . . ."

He stopped abruptly.

But Blanche could bear it no longer; her feelings suddenly overcame her. She clasped her hands together, and, in a low voice, which thrilled with the emotion she felt, the words escaped her before she knew she was going to say them, "Oh! but think of it! Remember who was the cause of it all!"

"What has that to do with it!" he said shortly, and, as it seemed to her, rather coldly.

"To you perhaps nothing," she exclaimed, "but to me . . . . every thing! Oh! cannot you put yourself in my place, and see that if there were anything I could do . . . . if I might be so happy as in any way, by any means . . . ."

She had better not have spoken.

His eyes had the same soft look in them, but his mouth was set. He gave a short bitter laugh.

"Yes, I see," he said. "I thought as much! The sister shall atone for the act of the brother; and the life the brother has wrecked, the sister shall—sacrifice hers to! That is what is passing in your mind! God forbid!" he exclaimed, with some agitation. "Anything rather than such a thing as that! No!" he continued, recovering himself, and speaking more calmly, but with an incisiveness of utterance which seemed to make every word cut like a knife, "a thousand times no! I am selfish, no doubt—most men are—but I am not so selfish as that!"

He broke off suddenly, and turned his head away. Blanche could hear the beating of her own heart in the silence that followed his words.

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It was a crucial moment—one of those moments in life when pride on both sides, or pride on one side, and a little too much humility on the other, have so often been the causes of a life-long misunderstanding. And Blanche realised that such a moment had come to her now!

"But if it is not a sacrifice!" she murmured under her breath.

For one moment a look came into his eyes which lighted up his whole countenance; but the next it faded away, and their expression was sad and mournful as he turned to her again.

"Do not deceive yourself, my dear Miss Talbot," he said very earnestly, so earnestly that his manner was almost solemn, "nor allow yourself for a moment to imagine you are actuated by motives other than you are. A great wave of pity is passing over you, and your innate sense of justice is dictating a certain course to you as an act of reparation. It is just what one might have expected from the nobility of your nature and your womanly capacity for self-sacrifice. But, believe me, yours is a momentary feeling, roused in you entirely by my misfortunes, and the painful shock of having discovered that your brother was their cause. It is nothing more, and I should be the meanest of men were I to take advantage of it. You are hardly at this moment a fit judge of your own feelings, so entirely has this feeling of compunction got hold of you, so completely has it carried you away. It has blinded your eyes to everything else, even to the fact of your own feeling towards me before there was any question of this compunction which is now influencing you so strongly. I only ask you to remember for a moment what that first feeling was."

"I—I—cannot," she murmured.

"Yes, you can," he said firmly, "if you will give yourself the trouble to try and recall the early days at F—." He paused a moment.

"Or if you cannot," he resumed, "I can, and can remind you . . . . Do you suppose I did not know it? Did you think I was really so blind as not to see it? I am not blaming you," he added gently, as he saw the effect of his words upon Blanche. "I am simply trying to recall facts to your memory which you seem to have forgotten. Facts," he said, with a laugh which was meant to be light, but which was really dull and mirthless, "are stubborn things. And, to my mind, first feelings, guided as they are by the great Laws of Attraction and Repulsion in which I so firmly believe, are much more real, much more trustworthy, and much more likely to be lasting, than any secondary ones which spring from such roots as compassion and compunction. I am not sure that I think compunction is ever, in any case, a true test of feeling of any kind. And, that being so," he went on, with more agitation and excitement in his manner than he had hitherto shown, "I say, God forbid that in an impetuous moment of passing emotion you should do violence to your feelings because your womanly compassion is roused on my behalf. God forbid that your life, your bright opening life, so full of possibilities, should be sacrificed to mine! No! It has, I trust, a far happier and higher destiny. You must be the proud and happy wife of some fine, manly, prosperous fellow, who will be able to satisfy your ambition, and come up in every way to your high ideal of what a man should be, and whose appearance," he added, looking up at her, as she stood, with sudden admiration, "shall be in keeping with your own!"

"I do not mean to pain you," he went on with the utmost gentleness, as something like a sob broke from Blanche, "I am not saying this from any but the highest motives, and in the spirit of the truest kindness. You will see things in a truer light by and by; and some day you will thank me for not taking you at your word, while you are a prey to a passing emotion. Do not for a moment think I am ungrateful; or that I do not appreciate from the bottom of my heart the womanly spirit of self-sacrificing compassion which has moved you to entertain this idea. I am grateful, more grateful than I can say, and more deeply touched than I can ever find words to express. But I should be, as I said before, the meanest of men were I to take advantage of a feeling which, however real and noble, is momentary, and will pass away."

He broke off for a moment. He was evidently more moved than he wished to show.

"And besides," he murmured half to himself.

"Besides?" she questioned, in a whisper.

"Besides," he resumed more firmly, "even if I could make up my mind to act so mean and selfish a part, I should not care to do it." He hesitated. "I am not proud," he added sadly, "it is not for a man like me to be so; but I am too proud to accept a sacrifice; or to accept pity instead of love. I should not care for second best. I must have all, or none. And yet! . . . Do not misunderstand me. It is not really pride, God knows. It is the deepest, deepest humility—the deep humility of a man who feels he has nothing to offer you."

"Nothing?" she questioned softly.

"No," he answered, sadly, "nothing. Nothing, that is, but . . . what I have told you."

He spoke in a tone of deep feeling, and his voice just shook a little.

"And you call that nothing?" she said slowly. He was silent.

But Blanche realised that it was the silence which meant consent, and that that silence would by him never be broken.

One more struggle between her love and her pride, and . . . the former was the stronger, and . . . triumphed.

"Then," she said firmly, but with a little sob in her voice, "then, Rupert's act has wrecked two lives."

He started. The words were spoken so low that he had only just caught them, and he could not believe she had really said them. He was not sure he had heard her aright.

"What did you say?" he said, turning to her, and speaking in a low tone of suppressed agitation and excitement.

"I say," was the almost inaudible answer, "that Rupert's act has wrecked two lives."

"What do you mean?" he cried. "Do not trifle with with me, for God's sake!"

"Not only your life," repeated Blanche, falteringly, "but mine!"

As she spoke, she raised her head, and lifting her eyes, shining with tears to his, she looked timidly but steadily at him, while a burning blush spread itself all over her face.

He stood spell-bound, for he could not yet believe all that was contained in those words she had spoken; nor the true meaning of what they were meant to convey. He gazed long and searchingly at her, looking at her as if he would read her through and through, his penetrating glance seeming as if it would dive into the very secrets of her soul, find the clue to its hidden motives, search out and discover whether there was truth and sincerity there. But when he met the full glance of the eyes which were seeking his, he started and turned very pale. For that tell-tale face told its own story; there was no mistaking its meaning. He read there all that she could not bring herself to say; all that her maidenly reserve would not allow her to express.

It was no mere pity or compunction that brought that look into her face. They were there, no doubt; but not they alone could have brought the expression which was shining and glowing in her eyes. And, as its true meaning dawned upon his unbelieving mind, a passionate exclamation of surprise and great joy broke from his lips.

There came into his own a radiant expression; and with a quick involuntary movement towards her, he held out both his hands!

There was a glorious sunset about half an hour after. It lighted up as before, only more brilliantly, the peaks of the distant mountains, turning their snow-clad summits into pink and pale gold.

But those two never saw it; its beauty was lost upon them. Still they stood there side by side, both alike oblivious of the fading of the day. It was one of those golden hours in life that comes so seldom and pass all too soon.

A man's voice, calling, broke in at last upon it. "Blanchie! Blan-chie! Where are you? I have been hunting for you everywhere!"

There was the sound of quick advancing footsteps; of the humming of the scrap of a song, . . . and in another moment Rupert appeared on the terrace!

And, as his eyes fell upon the two figures side by side, he stood suddenly stock still, and all the light died out of his face. Its bright expression assumed an agitated aspect. It is to be doubted if he even saw Blanche. His eyes were fixed on her companion.

Blanche started to her feet with an involuntary exclamation, alarmed at the change which had come over her brother's countenance, and his sudden pallor.

"Oh!" she said, in a low frightened voice, "what had I better do?"

"Come with me," said Launcelot, quietly; "we will meet him together."

As he spoke he advanced to Rupert, and held out his hand with a bright smile of welcome.

"How are you, Rupert?" he said, "how glad I am to meet you once more!" "My dear old fellow," he continued, laying his hand on the young man's shoulder, as he saw the agitation Rupert could not altogether control, "you must let bygones be bygones. We meet again, I assure you, under such happy circumstances that the past may well be forgotten. You see before you, believe me, not only the happiest, but one of the most fortunate men in all the world. For," he added, as he turned to Blanche, and drew her forward, "your sister has just promised to be my wife!"

(The End.)

MANLY WATER AND SEWERAGE WORKS.

Manly has been for some years in possession of an efficient water supply, which, at a cost of £38,000, has supplied the residents with abundant and excellent water. Recently, at a cost of £22,000, a sewerage system was brought into existence, to which are already connected no less than 533 tenements. A capital outlay of £60,000 is regarded as a heavy burden for a municipality to pay interest upon, even at the moderate rate the Government imposes, and the details of management involve considerable trouble and expense. The Mayor (Alderman W. H. Fletcher), recognising the situation, has placed the matter before the Government, with the result that the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage will, in all probability, take the services over. The following letter on the subject from the Under-Secretary of Works to the council clerk was read at the last council meeting:—

"With further reference to the question of more economically dealing with the matter of the water and sewerage rates at Manly, I have to inform you that this and other advantages would be secured, it is thought, by the transfer of the water and sewerage works to the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage. If your council is willing, the board is agreeable to undertake the control of the several works if a combined rate of 1s 9d in the £ be enforced, and the Secretary of Public Works is now intercommunication with the Crown Solicitor as to whether or not it will be necessary to introduce a bill in Parliament to give effect to the proposed transfer, and I have, therefore, to request the concurrence of your council in this arrangement."

The Manly Council, it is understood, is in favour of the transfer, but the Mayor in referring the questions to committee on Tuesday last said that a public meeting of the ratepayers should be held to give a corporate opinion.

INDUSTRIAL ARBITRATION BILL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Those who, like myself, are deeply concerned in this proposed addition to our laws must have noticed with much regret that there was no serious discussion of the measure in the Assembly, and would probably have turned, as I did, to the Attorney-General's speech in the Council in the hope that some fresh light might then be thrown on the subject.

Such a reference, however, can only have ended in disappointment. From beginning to end of his long address there is really no serious argument on the provisions of the bill. Page after page is filled with prophecies of its beneficent effect, and most of the remainder consists of laudation at first and second hand of the consequences that have followed the adoption of this principle in New Zealand.

Now I am, and have been for nearly 20 years, in control of one of the most costly of the factories in that colony, so should understand the position there; and the opinion I have formed about compulsory arbitration as proposed by Mr. Wise is that it is only possible in those trades which are protected from outside competition by a high tariff against imports from other countries. Under such a fiscal scheme combination between employers and employed may enable them to compel the consumer to pay such a price for the goods produced as will permit the interference of a third party in fixing the rate of wages for the employees; but where there is no protection the laws of nature must operate, and the industry cannot live which is subject to this interference when exposed to free competition with the products of those countries where such legislative vagaries have been avoided.

This competition Mr. Wise is understood to advocate, for he has always claimed to be a freetrader; and it would be interesting to hear from him—if he will stoop to the consideration of such details—how the Australian manufacturer, handicapped as he is against his opponent domiciled elsewhere by many special disabilities, is to meet the latter on an equal footing when he is to pay wages fixed, not according to the market value of the labour purchased, but by an arbitrary standard probably determined in most cases by the supposed ability of the purchaser to pay more than this value.

On this point there seems to be no doubt as to the intention of the bill being frankly socialistic. For no other purpose can the clauses relating to the production of books be devised than that of basing demands for extra pay on the supposed profit earned; and though something might be said in support of such demands were there a clear recognition of the fact that profits are mainly earned by brains, and not by labour, and were the minimum wage fixed sufficiently low, no word has so far been said to my knowledge by any advocate of this bill which would lead one to conclude that a reasonable partnership of this sort between master and men was contemplated, or that the object of the measure was not to extract for the benefit of one class, and by the aid of courts of law, as much as possible out of the pockets of all other classes of the community, without regard to the serious consequences thus entailed.

Fortunately there is now to be that full and careful discussion of the scheme which ought to have taken place elsewhere, and it is to be hoped for the interest of the community that it will result in the absolute rejection of the bill. Speaking seriously, there would be much difficulty in inflicting a more severe blow to the industrial welfare of our colony than would be delivered were it to become law. I am, &c.,

November 7. EDWARD W. KNOX.

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"Orange as a site for the Federal Capital," is the subject of an interesting article in this week's "Sydney Mail," and there are numerous illustrations of the proposed federal territory and capital site.—Advt.

LAW REPORT.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

BANCO COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Stephen, Mr. Justice Owen, and Mr. Justice Cohen.)

ACTION ON A CONTRACT FOR SALE OF SHEEP.

Merewether and another v. Holmes (part heard).

Mr. M'Intyre, instructed by Messrs. Rand and Drew (agents for Messrs. Borthwick and M'Intyre, of Inverell), appeared for the plaintiffs, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi for a new trial. The action, which was tried at the District Court, Inverell, before Judge Heydon, in July last, was one brought by Henry Alfred Mitchell Merewether and Braithwaite Hamilton Turner against Maxwell Holmes, to recover compensation for alleged breach of contract. It appeared that the plaintiffs were the owners of certain sheep, which they placed in the hands of an agent named Readett for sale, and in the ordinary course of business they included the sheep in question in a stock list which they sent to Glennie Brothers, of Moree, who were acting in conjunction with Mr. W. Readett. Subsequently defendant saw Glennie Brothers, and made an offer of 7s per head for the sheep. Upon that Readett drew up a contract specifying that the sheep were to be delivered on or before October 31, after shearing. This was sent to Holmes, who signed it, adding at the bottom of the contract, "I must have delivery by October 31, otherwise compensation." This was forwarded to Glennie Brothers with instructions that if they thought the added words would interfere with the contract they were to tear them off. The contract came back during Mr. Readett's absence, and the addition made to it by the defendant was struck out by one of the clerks. The sheep were not delivered until November 17, and defendant deducted a certain amount for delay in delivery. Plaintiffs then brought their action, but a verdict was given for the defendant, his Honor finding that the contract as signed for the plaintiffs was not agreed to by the defendant, who added material terms; and he also found that the contract as added to and signed by the defendant was never agreed to by the plaintiffs. The plaintiffs now appealed on the grounds mainly that his Honor was in error in finding as he did, and that the verdict was against evidence. Mr. Lamb, instructed by Mr. John A. Boyd, of Inverell (by Messrs. Shipway and Byrne), appeared for defendant to show cause.

The case stands part heard.

EQUITY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson.)

SUIT AGAINST AN EXECUTOR.

Chisholm v. Chisholm.

The hearing of this case was continued, the taking of evidence for the defence occupying the whole day. The hearing was not concluded when the Court rose.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Walker, Judge in Bankruptcy).

APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 77.

Re Walter Percy Lance. Mr. Gordon, instructed by Mr. A. W. M'Carthy, for Mr. W. H. Palmer, the official assignee, applied under section 77 for leave to distribute preferentially to certain creditors, who had signed an indemnity bond, moneys recovered for the estate by action at law. The amount so recovered was £2009, of which the official assignee, after paying incidental expenses, proposed to distribute £1500 amongst 21 creditors who had signed the indemnity bond, at the rate of 6s in the £. Mr. Knox, instructed by Messrs. Perkins and Fosbery, Mr. Leverrier, instructed by Messrs. Sparke and Angus, and Mr. E. F. Stephen, appeared for certain other creditors who had not signed the indemnity bond, and asked on various grounds that they should be included in this distribution, neither of them having declined to sign the indemnity bond.

His Honor, after hearing, granted the application, and directed that the distribution should be limited to the creditors who had signed the indemnity bond.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. A. Henry.)

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

Re George Hamon Pearman. Mr. A. W. Nathan for bankrupt. The Registrar said bankrupt about April, 1889, commenced business at Crookwell as a contractor, with a capital of £30. In November, 1891, he owed £1355 13s 7d. Bankrupt left Crookwell in December following without telling his creditors where he was going, and left his workmen unpaid. One amount owing there was still unpaid. Bankrupt had no books. He (the Registrar) required evidence as to bankrupt's statement that he assigned money which was in the Treasury to certain creditors for the benefit of all. The matter was adjourned to November 21.

Re William Frederick Burrow. Mr. Petrie for bankrupt. Mr. A. W. Nathan for official assignee. The Registrar held that the bankrupt contracted debts without reasonable expectation of being able to pay. A certificate would be issued upon punctual payments being made of £6 per month under section 61 order.

SINGLE MEETING.

Re William Dickson. Bankrupt was examined by the official assignee, and by Mr. Stevenson for the trustees of the estate of J. Wild. The single meeting was adjourned to November 14.

SEQUESTRATIONS.

Leslie Manton Oakes, of Liverpool, canvasser. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

Charles Henry Horsley, of Wigram-road, Glebe, clerk. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

DISTRICT COURT.

(Before Judge Murray.)

SUIT FOR RENT.

M'Arthur and others v. Archer.

Mr. C. G. Wade, instructed by Mr. W. G. Parish, for the plaintiffs; Mr. James, instructed by Mr. W. P. Crick, for the defendant.

Margaret Eleanor M'Arthur, Herbert Augustus Earl, and Henry Norbert Bede Earl, executors of Sarah Ann Earl, deceased, all of Ridge-street, North Sydney, sued William Archer, of Boyle-parade, Burwood, member of Parliament, for £28 12s, the rent for 26 weeks, due and unpaid, of a brick shop and dwelling, leased by defendant from Sarah Ann Earl, deceased, and situate at Liverpool-road, Enfield. The defence was, never indebted. The plaintiffs, so defendant said, failed and refused to give to defendant possession of the premises, and thereby committed a breach of contract, which entitled defendant to cancel the agreement under which he took the shop and dwelling. Defendant did cancel the agreement, and was never the tenant of the premises.

His Honor, after hearing, gave a verdict for the amount claimed.

A CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

Jones v. Geraghty.

Mr. Armstrong, instructed by Mr. L. Levy, for the plaintiff; Mr. Teece, instructed by Mr. Moore, for the defendant. Jonathan Jones, of Kegworth-street, Leichhardt, sought to recover £25 from Connell J. Geraghty, of Elizabeth-street, Redfern, for wrongfully causing tar to flow upon the floor of the plaintiff's premises and for allowing the tar to get on fire, whereby some of the plaintiff's furniture was injured, and indirectly the plaintiff sustained the loss of six valuable bull-pups. The defendant admitted the cause of action, and paid £3 into court as sufficient to meet the damages, and 4s 6d costs. Plaintiff stated that he would not have taken £5 apiece for the six bull-pups whose lives were sacrificed.

The case is part heard.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Backhouse and juries.)

Mr. W. L. Merewether, Crown Prosecutor.

ACQUITTALS.

Thomas George Phelan pleaded not guilty to a charge that on September 28 at Paddington, about 11 o'clock at night, he did maliciously injure a window valued at £15, the property of Arthur Henry Bray. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and accused was discharged.

Jacques Bielle, a Frenchman, pleaded not guilty to a charge that on October 13, at Sydney, he did maliciously wound Adolph Peter Galpin. Accused was undefended. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty, and accused was discharged.

PLEAS OF GUILTY.

William Heffernan pleaded guilty to a charge of receiving three turkeys and 10 fowls which had been stolen from Hector Peter M'Leod, at Bexley, on September 19, well knowing the same to have been stolen. Prisoner also pleaded guilty to receiving 13 fowls which had been stolen from James George Parkes, at Bexley, on September 19, well knowing the same to have been stolen. He was remanded for sentence. Mr. J. W. Abigail appeared for the accused, and asked that he be dealt with under the First Offenders Act. Evidence as to accused's good character was given.

ROBBERY FROM THE PERSON.

Alfred Fegan and Thomas Northcote pleaded not guilty to a charge that on August 21, at Sydney, they did assault Thomas Burke and rob him of one purse, 2os. of tobacco, and £6 10s, the property of T. Burke. Mr. H. A. Moss appeared for the accused. The case for the prosecution was to the effect that Burke, who was a labourer on the railway, was going to his home about 11.30 p.m. on August 21, with his wages, when the accused, in company with two or three other men, assaulted and robbed him. One of the men put his arm round Burke's neck and held him, while others rifled his pockets. Burke fell to the ground, and the men ran away. Prosecutor positively identified the accused as the men who had assaulted and robbed him in company with others. The defence was that it was a case of mistaken identity. The jury returned a verdict of guilty against each of the accused, and the prisoners were remanded for sentence.

STEALING A COW.

Albert George Johnson pleaded not guilty to a charge that on August 20, at Canterbury, he did steal one cow, the property of Arthur Huntley; also that on August 26 he did steal two heifers, the property of A. Huntley. There were other counts of receiving the stolen cow and heifers. Mr. J. W. Abigail appeared for accused. Accused admitted selling the cow and heifers, but said that he did so on behalf of another person, and had no idea that they were stolen. The accused received payment for the cattle, which were sold for him in another name. The defence was that accused had acted innocently in the matter. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and prisoner was remanded for sentence.

POSSESSION OF BURGLARIOUS TOOLS.

Patrick O'Connor and George Wellington pleaded not guilty to a charge that on October 26, at Sydney, they were found at night at the hour of about 12, having then in their possession, without lawful excuse, implements of housebreaking, viz., five skeleton keys and two jemmies, with intent to enter a building at 95 Shepherd-street, with intent to commit a felony therein. Mr. E. R. Abigail appeared for the accused. The accused were found crouched down near the place by Detective Fullerton and another police officer, and they threw away the implements of burglary when running to evade arrest. The defence was that the men had found the burglarious implements, and that their presence near the place was perfectly innocent. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and the prisoners were remanded for sentence.

SENTENCE.

Walter M'Gregor and Walter John Clifton, who had been convicted for housebreaking, were sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for nine months. His Honor said that he would recommend the release of the prisoners on license after they had served a portion of the sentence, provided sureties for their good behaviour were forthcoming. He was convinced that they did not belong to the regular criminal class.

The Court adjourned to 10 a.m. the following day.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—Thursday, November 8.

Term List.—Motions Generally, Motions, &c.: Ex parte Con Wov, prohibition; re Alfred Raymond Best, for admission as a solicitor (part heard); ex parte George Satterfield, prohibition. Demurrer and special case: Jenkins v. Wyatt and another, special case; Spencer and another v. Bluett and another, demurrer. In re Emma Abbey and Land and Income Tax Assessment Act (the Commissioners of Taxation appellants).

In Equity.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 10 a.m.: Chisholm v. Chisholm (part heard). Master's Office.—At 10 a.m.: Company and Lunacy matters. At 11 a.m.: Menindie Boiling Down Company and Companies Act, to adjudicate on claims. Before the Deputy Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Australian Timber Company and Companies Act, to settle minutes of order; Attorney-General v. Borough of Waverley, to tax costs. At 12 noon: Brennan v. Pitt, Son, and Badgery, to tax costs. At 2 p.m.: Moloney v. Moloney, to tax costs. Before the Chief Clerk in Equity.—Austead v. Land Company of Australasia, to pass accounts.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Chief Clerk.—Gordon and another v. Perrott, 10; Brandon v. Staples, 10.30; ex parte Bowes, prohibition, 10.30.

In Bankruptcy.—Before his Honor the Judge.—At 10 a.m.: Re George B. Stevenson, hearing of order nisi for attachment. Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy.—At 11 a.m.: Certificate applications—Joseph Bartley and David Bartley, John Lewis Bannister and George Cecil Morris (trading as Bannister, Morris, and Co.), ex parte George Cecil Morris, William Harris. Single meetings—John Percy Creed, Alexander Hutchinson, Elias Habib. Public examinations—W. W. Davis and C. R. Green, Hilda Hilder, re Tiy Chong, examination section 39.

DISTRICT COURT.—Thursday, November 8.

(Before his Honor Judge Murray at 10 a.m.)

Jones v. Geraghty (part heard), Bennett v. Amos, Brownlow and another v. Tessier, Duff v. Bennett. Note.—The list will be called over punctually at 10 a.m.

(Before the Registrar in No. 2 Court at 10.30 a.m.)

Macnamara v. Eaton.

QUARTER SESSIONS.—Thursday, November 8.

Hannah Stevenson, forgery; Edward Follett, horse-stealing; William Potts, perjury; John Lorenson, housebreaking.

POLICE COURTS.

Committed for Trial.—At the Central Police Court yesterday before Mr. J. Mair, S.M., William Simmons, 27, groom, was committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court on a charge of stealing a gold watch and chain, value £20, from Walter Uther on October 31. Bail was allowed.

Sunday Trading.—In the Summons Division of the Balmain Police Court yesterday, before Mr. C. N. Payten, S.M., Sub-inspector Boyd proceeded against Thomas M'Dermott and Jane Muir for trading on the Sabbath. In each case a fine of 5s, with 2s 6d costs of court, levy and distress, or 48 hours imprisonment, was inflicted. At the same court Elizabeth Price was fined 2s 6d, with 2s 6d costs of court, levy and distress, in default 24 hours' imprisonment, for a similar offence.

Disturbance on a Tram.—At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Edwards, S.M., a man named James Cummings was charged with having at Newtown on October 28 used insulting language on a tram car, and also with having on the same occasion assaulted Matthew J. Cooper, a servant of the Railway Commissioners, whilst in the execution of his duty. The accused, who was defended by Mr. J. Herbert, pleaded not guilty. Defendant was fined 20s and costs for using insulting language, and 20s and costs for assaulting the guard.

Stealing.—At the Water Police Court yesterday George Harris, 19, dealer, and Robert Shaw, 19, labourer, were charged with, in company, stealing from the person of Nellie Crockford a purse containing 8s, valued in all at 13s. Each of the accused was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Breach of the Navigation Act.—In the Summons Division of the Water Police Court yesterday Alexander Forrester, master of the steamer South Australian, was proceeded against for allowing the said vessel to be so loaded as to submerge the centre of the disc indicating the load line. He was fined £20 and costs.

CENTRAL LICENSING COURT.

The application of Alexander Bertram for transfer of the license of the St. George Hotel, Belmore, to Adam Bell Jones, which was adjourned from last Monday, was granted yesterday by Mr. F. S. Isaacs, S.M.

WATER LICENSING COURT.

At the weekly meeting of the Water Licensing Court yesterday, before Mr. Wilshire, S.M., Mr. Smithers, S.M., and Mr. Penny, L.M., the following transfers of publicans' licenses were granted:—Mathew Reston to Bridget Turner, Ivy Leaf Hotel, Woolloomooloo; James Baker to James Furlong, Tattersall's Hotel, Balmain; Robert H. Judd to Rudolph Tudor, Grosvenor Hotel, Church-hill; John Carroll to Amelia M'Lean, Moore Park View Hotel, Dowling-street.

BALMAIN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The fortnightly meeting of the Balmain Ladies' Benevolent Society was held on Monday night in the Mayor's room at the Balmain Town Hall. Mrs. Lyons (vice-president) occupied the chair, and the following members of the committee were also present:—Mesdames Law, M'Culloch, Bracegirdle, Williams, Pole, Nelligan (secretary), Burns, MacDougall, and Mr. S. N. Hogg (treasurer). A number of cases of distress were reported on, and in 19 cases relief was granted. Mesdames Broomfield and Bracegirdle were appointed as a special relief committee for the ensuing fortnight.

THE MUNICIPALITIES ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I have read with much interest your editorial remarks and also the letters which have appeared in your columns of late touching the above bill. I have also read "Hansard," and was astonished to find that on the occasion of the Hon. J. See moving the second reading of this bill so many members, judging from their speeches, possess so little knowledge of the present Municipalities Act, or of the leading principles of municipal government.

Mr. Dacey is reported to have said "he could not see why the ratepayers should elect their own auditors any more than they should be allowed to elect a lawyer by ballot." Perhaps he can see the analogy—I do not; but if ratepayers are expending only their own money, why they should not have their own auditors is beyond the comprehension of an ordinary mortal. If this is the trend of municipal legislation, will not the Government have to undertake the auditing of the accounts of other corporate bodies and similar institutions? And if things have reached this stage, then surely the Government should appoint commissioners to preside over our affairs and control the raising of revenue and the expenditure of our local rates. Mr. Carruthers is reported to have said that he approves of the proposed plan of endowment, i.e., under commissioners, because "under the existing system, which provided for a hard-and-fast rule of a contribution of 10s in the £, it necessarily happened that this payment was quite out of proportion to the requirements of the municipality." It would be highly interesting to know what system the hon. member referred to. Did he mean the present Act? If so he should turn up section 157 of the principal Act, and he will then find that for the first five years the subsidy paid is £ for £, for the second five years 10s in the £, and for the third five years 5s in the £ raised by general rates in the municipality, after which Government aid ceases.

If I had time I could point out many instances in which many of the speakers did their best to show how little they understand the present Act and some of the stumbling blocks of this amendment bill, although there are many good clauses in it.

In England the central authority contributes towards the cost of the municipality, and in Victoria, Queensland, &c., the Government pays subsidy; and why not in New South Wales? Mr. Carruthers thought the taxpayers should not be taxed for this purpose; but may I ask who are the taxpayers? Are they not the ratepayers? Why, the inhabitants of our municipalities number about three-fourths of our entire population, so that the word taxpayer and ratepayer are synonymous. At present the majority contribute vast sums towards the maintenance and cost of new roads, &c., for the minority.

My opinion as a country alderman is that the suburbs of Sydney should in a large measure be governed by a special Act, and that the boroughs and other municipal districts of the colony have their own Act, for in very many respects they require different treatment.

We cannot with approval view the extension of the franchise to lodgers, and at this stage believe that it will work harm. Only actual ratepayers should be entitled to be enrolled, and the compiling of the roll should be left to the council. Our legislators should not forget that municipal government means government by the people for the people, and we as a free people demand the right to govern ourselves locally without let or hindrance.

I am, &c., E. HENNINGS, Alderman.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your account of the meeting of the Sunday traders held in the Sydney Town Hall yesterday you report the chairman as saying that "he was as religious as any man," so that, of course, there can be no more religious man than he; and on the principle of like chairman like audience, why may we not assume that when you say "there was a good attendance" your adjective applies to quality rather than to quantity? Yet I venture to think that if all the "good" people who are of Mr. Slater's way of thinking would form themselves into an anti-Sabbath-rest community and go and start a new colony somewhere in Russia or in Turkey, where, according to one of the speakers, the Sabbath observance to which we have been accustomed "would not be tolerated," all their goodness would speedily vanish. I do not think they would ever come to be regarded as a people to be imitated. The Sabbath is a Divine institution, and in proof of its being a Divine institution it may be spoken of as an "anvil that has outlived many a hammer, and it will outlive many others yet. God knowing man's needs, and in His care for man, has appointed one day in seven for rest from toil and for turning man's thoughts from merely mundane subjects, and no man or no community of men can disregard that appointment with impunity. As the late excellent Bishop of Liverpool, Dr. Ryle, has shown in some of his pamphlets, the Bible, history, the map of the world, are all against those who would drag the Lord's Day down to a level with the other days of the week, and it is devoutly to be hoped that we shall always be favoured with rulers who are able to appreciate the benefits of a well-kept Sabbath to all classes of the community, especially to the working classes.

Nov. 2. I am, &c., WM. PRATT.

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METROPOLITAN CHARITIES ASSOCIATION.

The subjoined letter has, we are informed, been sent by the Metropolitan Charities Association to the Principal Under-Secretary:—

Sydney, Sept. 11, 1900.

Sir,—The council have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st ultimo, forwarding a copy of Mr. Hanson's report published on the 18th ultimo. In compliance with the Colonial Secretary's invitation they desire to make some observations on the report, and request you to be so good as to lay them before him. Mr. Hanson recommends that no further subsidy be granted by the Government to the association, and gives three reasons for this recommendation:—

1. Relief.—Mr. Hanson states: "The amount of relief disbursed has not been proportionate to the expenditures. Monetary aid has been given in only 90 cases at a cost of £30 16s 11d." The facts are these—(a) The association is forbidden by its fundamental rules to grant relief out of its own funds "except in cases of immediate necessity;" (b) its function is, not to grant relief, but to obtain it, by bringing to bear the appropriate sources of help; (c) not 90 cases only but over 200 cases were dealt with by the association during the year; for four of these alone, outside help was obtained to the value of over £30, not to mention the outside help covered by the remaining cases; (d) the association was the means, directly or indirectly, of establishing four local relief societies during the year. It may be added (though this fact may not be within Mr. Hanson's knowledge) that another society established earlier through the association, and working in close co-operation with the local committee, whose officer entertains in the first instance almost all applications to the society, has already been the means of affording relief to the value of over £250, on the basis of rules suggested by the association. The principle of obtaining, not granting, relief is (as Mr. Hanson should know) one of the cardinal features of organisation, being adopted as offering the best guarantee for appropriate and adequate help, while avoiding encroachment on charitable societies. Illustrations of the application of the principle to cases dealt with by the association are given in the annual report (a copy of which is enclosed), and others might be furnished.

It may be pointed out here that the committees have been in operation for little more than a year, some of them not so long; and that it was not until December last that the general lines of action and the necessary details were finally settled.

2. Expenditure.—Mr. Hanson states: "Proper economy has not been practised in its administration. The expenditure for stationery, printing, &c., will show this, and the amount paid in salaries cannot be justified on any ground." Details of the expenditure objected to will be found in the appendix. (a) Salaries: It will be seen from the appendix that the bulk of this item has gone to the manager. His duties, as shown by the annual report, comprise the whole of the organising and supervising work, the registration work, dealing with applicants not referable to local committees, and rendering assistance in various ways when requested to local committees or charitable societies. Mr. Hanson does not in terms object to his salary; he admits that the registration work alone is worth £100 a year, and has verbally recognised, so the council are informed, the immense amount of work done by the manager, and that he ought to be paid for his services. Mr. Hanson may therefore be taken to endorse the council's view that this salary is fully justified by the nature and extent of the work involved. The manager is now receiving nothing, having offered some time ago, in view of the state of the funds, to continue the same services gratuitously as far as his own occupations would permit. As regards the local officers, their appointment and remuneration, if any, rest primarily with the local committees comprising (as shown by the lists furnished to Mr. Hanson) representatives of the local charities, leading residents appointed by the council, and in the suburbs the mayor of the borough. The local officers have specified duties and specified hours of attendance, as appears from the annual report. The appendix shows that the average remuneration of local officers during the past year was about 15s 3d each per month. (b) Printing: The bulk of this item is attributable to the year ended June 30, 1899, when communications were being opened with the charities and residents of 55 municipal areas with the view of forming local committees and establishing the system of registration. This necessitated the printing of a large number of proposals and forms. A considerable stock of some of these forms is still on hand, and available for future use. (c) The same consideration largely accounts for the expenditure on stamps and stationery, as to which it is only necessary to add that both were bought and used for necessary correspondence or office work, and as regards stationery at the usual rates. (d) Sundries: The item of £30 18s 6d is for incidental expenses connected with the work of the central office for a period of over two years, and seems to the council to need no further comment. The item £35 17s 10d is the sundries of 18 local committees, and shows an average of under £2 for each committee for a period of over a year.

3. Registration.—Mr. Hanson states, "The system of check adopted by the association is incomplete, and has therefore failed in its object." The council say it is incomplete through no fault of the association. Every effort has been made to secure returns, and the reason why some charities have not so far registered, or have done so irregularly, is no doubt due to the trouble involved. The council do not admit that the register has wholly failed in its object. The annual report shows that 23 charities had registered, and that 3133 cases, representing 9512 persons, were entered. It also classifies the forms of relief and the causes of distress. The register discloses a considerable number of persons in receipt of relief from different sources at different times. Thus, even if there were no overlapping in the strict sense, the register would still be useful for statistical purposes and for tracing the history of applicants, often a most material point in determining the treatment. Mr. Hanson's view that there is no overlapping worth mentioning, is not endorsed by the annual report, which states: "So far as the register shows up to the present there does not appear to be much overlapping in the sense of relief being received concurrently from two or more charities without their knowledge and approval. Probably the mere fact of the institution of the register acts as a deterrent. Such cases do, however, sometimes occur." The statement attributed to the manager that there is practically no overlapping, is negatived by a letter he wrote to Mr. Hanson four days before his report was published. There are many kinds of overlapping the association has discouraged which Mr. Hanson seems to have no conception of, such as the rounds made in the suburbs by professional mendicants. In one district the local committee has been the means of almost entirely stopping house-to-house begging. Mr. Hanson suggests that the work of registration could be more effectively done in his department, as the Government could insist on returns from subsidised charities. But it should be pointed out—(a) That the subsidised charities form only a proportion, probably not more than 50 per cent., if so much, of the metropolitan charities granting outdoor relief; (b) that registration being a useful adjunct of organisation might well be left in the hands of the society which initiated it, and which is recommended to continue its organising work. Further, some of the charities attach, and very properly so, great importance to the confidential character of the returns. This is strictly observed by the association and secured by rules for the purpose. The charities might not consider that they had the same guarantee for secrecy in a register over which they have no control. The suggestions made in the annual report for improving the register are as follows:—"The value of the register for all purposes would be greatly enhanced if the association could be furnished with particulars of outdoor relief afforded by the Government charitable departments, and if all metropolitan charities which grant such relief would furnish returns. It would then only be necessary for charities to confidentially consult the register before dealing with new or doubtful cases, and the practice of exchanging lists might be rendered unnecessary. In this way the names of recipients would not be needlessly divulged, some labour would be saved, and the range of inquiry extended by collecting all cases in one register."

Conclusion.—The council submit therefore that Mr. Hanson's reasons for his recommendations are not sustained. Misconceiving the fundamental rules and aims of the association, and failing to recognise its most arduous work, that of organising external sources of help, he naturally judges its expenditure and results by a false standard, and takes no account of the range and difficulties of the task on which it is engaged. That task is to provide facilities throughout the metropolitan area for efficient and constant inquiry into the circumstances of applicants, with a view on the one hand to discourage indiscriminate almsgiving, prevent overlapping, and expose impostors, and on the other to secure suitable and adequate treatment for proved cases of genuine distress. There being no general or uniform machinery for these purposes, centres for inquiry and reference and for combining the charitable resources of each district were necessary. These centres the association has succeeded in establishing in 18 districts, in the shape of representative committees, with offices to which the street or house-to-house beggar may be referred by importuned residents, and where also all claims for help may be thoroughly investigated. The committees having no relief funds of their own are intended to "organise" such relief as may be required, that is, to ascertain and bring to bear on each case the most appropriate sources of help in the shape of local or other charities, relatives, friends, old employers, or even charitable strangers. This mode of raising relief is adopted by the New York society, which grants no relief whatever out of its own friends, and by the London society, which does so only in default or supplementation of outside sources. Both these societies spend thousands of pounds annually on purely administrative expenses, with the full concurrence of their supporters. When the council waited on the Colonial Secretary in May last they neither minimised difficulties nor exaggerated results. They based their request for further Government aid on the ground that past efforts and expenditure and the stage of progress reached justified every effort being made to continue carrying out the admittedly useful aims of the association. That is the position the council still take up, and on that basis they would be pleased (should the Colonial Secretary so desire) to meet him in further conference, and discuss the whole question more fully.

I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant,
(Signed) EDWARD HARRIS, Hon. Secretary.
To Critchett Walker, Esq., C.M.G., Principal Under-Secretary.

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This week's "Sydney Mail" contains several illustrations of Brisbane, also a photograph of Musket, winner of the Queensland Derby.—Advt.

GOVERNMENT COLD STORAGE.

A VISIT TO THE PYRMONT ESTABLISHMENT.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN AND BRITISH TRADE.

Writes a lady from Pietermaritzburg (Natal) under date of August 26:—"Should it (the war) last much longer I really don't know what we shall all do, living is so expensive. To-day being Sunday there is no meat in town, the expected ship from Australia not having arrived. The military commandeered all the meat there is, and a chicken nowadays is almost worth its weight in gold." Perhaps this will give an idea of what a great future there is before the cold storage industry of this country, because for years to come South Africa will have to be practically provided for by the Australasian colonies. Rinderpest and war soon do away with the cattle of a country, and as what farming there was, and the little husbandry that was accomplished in the Free State and Transvaal colonies, have been almost entirely left alone for the last 12 months, it can be easily imagined that the local "fruits of the earth" and the produce of the herds will not be sufficient to keep the great population that will flow into South Africa—more particularly into the gold-bearing districts of the Transvaal, where there is practically no "farming" by white men, if the little market-gardening that is done by Italians and Chinese be excepted. But, so far as actual production of market produce, there is none, almost every ounce of butter being imported. Store cattle have been killed off to satisfy the demands of the hundreds of thousands who have taken a part in the war, so that every day the demand for Australian meat and produce must become more and more urgent.

In a country like this, the over-productive New South Wales, with prime hind-quarters of mutton marked at 3d per lb. retail, and the best cuts of luscious beef at 4d a lb., it is hard to realise that an important town like Maritzburg, the capital of the colony of Natal, was without meat on August 26 last. But such was the case, and the knowledge might bring home to the unthoughtful and the untravelled a recognition of the land of plenty they live in, and how they may go further from home and fare worse. It is, perhaps, correct to write that in no one particular does the voyageur from Africa to the southern and eastern Australian colonies or to New Zealand realise that he is in a superior country, so far as provisions go, than when he sees the butchers' and poulterers' establishments. Even with 2d a lb. duty (which now has been suspended) on foreign meat, the African article was not sought after, since the meat of the sub-continent is coarse and inferior, while Kaffir-slaughtering and butchering is not conducive to the production of a carcase to be admired by the good housewife or the epicure. It is in this way that the Australian scores, and will continue to do so. The "small man" will be able now to hold his own in the competition for oversea trade, since the Government has done, and is doing very much to receive, grade, pack, preserve, and forward his produce to the best markets, and as his poultry is plucked and trussed by men of experience the birds are put before the retailer in a most attractive form.

It is an instructive experience to go over the Government freezing establishment at Pyrmont, where all is "business." Thousands of carcases are stored there, not to say anything of the hundreds of crates of game, hares, rabbits, poultry, &c., and even turtle, for cold storage is the friend of the gourmand, from which he can draw the pleasures of his table at will. Cold storage, like all other matters, is simple, and the passage of the currents of cold air through the chambers wherein the poultry is stored is easily and effectively accomplished by means of a network of tubes. It is with the smallest meat products of this country that it is proposed to deal here. For instance, a large consignment was being got ready for shipment on the Moravian for Durban, Natal, and England. Years ago the idea of shipping tripe or any of the "smallgoods" to Africa would have been laughed at as next to impossible, but that is exactly what is being done fresh, to-day, and load after load of nourishing food, which would probably have to be destroyed were it not for the cold storage, arrived to be placed in the chambers, to be subsequently neatly packed and forwarded to its destination. It is to be hoped that Captain Simpson will arrive in time, and the people of Maritzburg may not have to exist without many more Sundays' dinners.

But perhaps the most interesting part of the Government cool storage is the poultry and game section, under the immediate superintendence of Mr. George Bradshaw. Mr. James Stephenson, secretary of the export department, gives special attention to this branch, and his pamphlet on "Eggs in Cold Storage," published by the Department of Agriculture, Sydney, N.S.W., could with advantage be in the hands of those who go in for egg production. To demonstrate the enormous increase in the egg section: In 1897-98 growers and merchants responded to the invitation of the Government and deposited some 11,000 dozen eggs, while the current year is likely to show a total of 100,000 dozen eggs. It will thus be observed that there is an enormous increase, and that the public is appreciating the storage in a way that cannot be surprising, for it is estimated that the value increases from 50 to 100 per cent. by storing eggs for a good market. One penny a dozen will cover the cost of storage for 11 weeks. In order that eggs may be kept fresh and good for from four to six months it is necessary to see that only new-laid ones be selected; where possible, also, it is advisable to have them infertile, as when fertile eggs get exposed to a temperature of 98° to 100° the germ will start into life, and then no subsequent treatment will avail to give them the quality of freshness. Eggs for storage should be gathered every morning before the sun has gained strength, and placed at once in the storage boxes in a cool place. To attain the highest success they should be graded as to colour and size, the boxes being marked accordingly. Care should be also taken to have them free from unsightly stains. The boxes should be of the usual trade size, holding 30 dozen, and packers should see they are made of odourless timber, as eggs are peculiarly liable to absorb flavours from their surroundings. Another and important point is to see that the boxes and fillers are thoroughly dry before using, otherwise mustiness is almost sure to ensue. Beyond the "fillers" of tasteless cardboard no packing of any kind should be used, as the natural moisture exuding from the eggs should be allowed to escape. Eggs for storage should be forwarded as soon as packed by quick train or steamer, and handled on the way with the greatest care. It would appear that last year a good many eggs were placed on the market just as they came from the store, notwithstanding explicit instructions that had been handed to all depositors. The cold eggs meeting with the outside and warmer atmosphere a "dew" was at once formed on the eggs, unmistakably demonstrating to the purchaser that they were stored goods. If the management is given a couple of days' notice as to when the eggs are wanted then arrangements will be made that they are returned gradually to normal temperature without exposure to the air. There is a single deposit at the stores of 489 cases of eggs, representing roughly £489. With 50 per cent. profit on these there is a substantial return for forethought and enterprise.

The hare trade is enormous, and when the game arrives in London in good condition they are sold, as English and Scotch hares can be purchased here, at 1s a brace. To grade, pack, and deliver on steamer would probably cost 4d a brace, and freight roughly 6d a hare when it reaches Leadenhall or Central markets, or some of the other great marts of the United Kingdom. Now most of these hares weigh at least 7½lb., and more often nearer 9lb., and such animals in England could not be procured wholesale under 2s 6d to 3s each, since dealers give that price for them singly in the country. It will thus be seen there is an enormous call for this game, which is so plentiful here, breeding as it does twice a year with a litter of four and more, whereas the English hare breeds only once in 12 months, the progeny being at most two. There are six brace of hares placed in each crate, 12 of which go to a ship's ton. The freight is from 7½s to 8¾s per ton. Whether the 2d per lb. duty has been taken off hares and rabbits at the South African ports the present writer is unaware. There are no rabbits and but few hares in South Africa, and those of an indifferent kind, some weighing only 3½lb. each.

A large staff of poultry-killers and featherers are kept continually at work at Pyrmont, the birds being delivered alive. By the way, there is not at present a market for the feathers. The method in practice for killing is that of breaking the neck at the back of the head, the bird thus being instantaneously unconscious of all pain. They are plucked while yet warm, which gives them that nice, clean appearance so desirable in market overt, and then trussed, the head wrapped in paper, and placed between layers of blotting paper. The care and cleanliness in this particular is most marked, and the grading is circumspect. In this way does the small man reap an advantage, for he may partake in a big shipment, which was beyond his power before the Government gave him opportunity with this cold storage. A few may combine, but if the grower wants an agent he is at once acquainted with the names of those who undertake the consignment, and make an advance against the produce if so required. The Government has nothing whatever to do with the pecuniary part of the concern as between producer and home merchant, commission agent, or salesman. The authorities simply kill, grade, store, and board the cases according to the directions of their expert.

The storage was started three years ago, and now it seems the management is in a quandary as to where to find room for the patrons who have found out the advantages of the stores. The enormous business that must accrue from other countries less favourably situated than Australia is perhaps hardly yet appreciated by even the grower himself. The producing capacity of our pastoral and cereal colonies is vast. How much more so may it not be in the future, when the wealth of this country and the advantages of cold storage become more widely known and appreciated.

F. P. L.

Even monarchs are not exempt in these days, the "World" says, from the inquisitive attentions of the statistician, and it will possibly startle the Emperor William to learn that he has been found guilty, by an industrious enumerator, of the delivery of no fewer than 700 speeches in the course of the last 10 years. This works out an average of nearly a speech and a half for every week of the decade, and is a decidedly liberal allowance, even for a sovereign as fond of addressing himself urbi et orbi as the Kaiser, whose extraordinary fluency is said to be more embarrassing to the stenographers than it has occasionally been to his Ministers. His rate of speaking is described as extraordinarily rapid; and since an inaccurate report of any of his voluble addresses might possibly entail upon the offender or his employer the pains and penalties of lese-majeste, it is not surprising that the duty of "first publishing" the Imperial speeches—as Lord Halsbury would describe it—is regarded as an honour too exacting and responsible to be coveted by the prudent supporter of Teutonic oratory.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Wednesday Evening.

The holiday spirit still seems to exercise a palling influence on the Stock Exchange, for there was again very little business done to-day. The market was steady with scarcely any movement in the list. New South Wales 3 per cent. Funded Stock was inquired for at 105½. Bank of New South Wales were rather firmer, being in request at 45½. Bank deposits continued about the same as before, a sale of Queensland National being effected. North Coast Steam again brought 23s 6d. For Albury Gaslight an advance of 6d was offered. Breweries were steady, a sale of Tooths being reported at 26s 6d. Fresh Food and Ice at 16s 1d, and Colonial Sugar at 40 was the only business quoted in miscellaneous stocks, there being an absence of fluctuations in them.

The following sales were reported on the Sydney Stock Exchange to-day:—Forenoon: Tooth's Brewery, 26s 6d; Colonial Sugar, 40. Noon: North Coast Steam, 23s 6d. Later: Fresh Food and Ice Company, 16s 1d. Afternoon: Queensland National Bank deposits, 14s 9d. The closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	*Yield to Investor.
N.S.W. STOCK, &c.	£	£	£	P.C.				P.C.
N.S.W. F.S. 1892	4,549,850	...	...	4	105½	105½	...	3½
Do. Act, 1873	530,180	...	...	4	...	...	...	...
Do. 3 p.c.	...	...	...	3	99½	98½	100	3
Do. 1924-25	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...
Do. T. Bills, 1905	800,000	...	...	3½	100	100	102	3½
Do. Deb. 1909	999,300	...	...	5	102	101	103	4
Stand D., 1911	...	...	...	4	105½	104	107	3½
M.S. D., 1913	803,300	...	...	4	107½	104	...	3½
Municipal Sugar —D. 1914	...	...	...	5	114½	110	...	3½
BANKS.								
Aust. J.S.	1,167,987	10	7½	...	18	...	...	...
Australasia	1,600,000	40	40	9	...	...	83	4½
City	240,000	10	8	4	90/	88/	93/	4½
New Issue	180,000	10	8	4	88 6	...	...	...
Com. of A.	1,086,952	4	4	...	22/9	...	...	...
Ditto, pref.	2,117,070	10	10	3	6/10½	...	...	...
Com. of Sydy.	1,000,000	25	12½	10	30¼	30¼	30¾	4½
E. of Aust., or.	1,480,280	10	10	...	70/	...	...	...
Ditto pref.	300,780	10	10	5	11½	...	...	4½
N.S. Wales	2,000,000	20	20	9	45½	45¼	46	4
New Zealand	830,000	...	...	...	...	17/	...	...
Nth Q'veland	100,000	7	3	...	13/	...	13/	...
Q'land Nat.	...	...	...	...	...	...	6/	...
Royal of Q.	388,650	...	...	3½	61	51/	...	5½
Union	1,500,000	75	25	7	38½	38½	39½	4½
DEPOSITS.								
A.J.S. Bank—Class A	...	...	...	3	14/10½	14/7½	15	4
Class B	...	...	...	3	13 7½	13 7½	13 10½	4½
[illegible]	...	...	...	3½	10 4	10 3	10 6	7
Com. of Aus. A ser., 1890	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto assets	...	...	...	3½	19/8	18/9	18/6	...
E.S.A. assets	...	...	...	3	16/3	15 9	16/6	...
[illegible]	...	...	...	...	14/9	15/6	...	...
Ism. pref.	669,418	...	...	3	14/	...	...	4½
Ditto def.	669,207	...	...	4½	14/3	16/	...	...
Ditto Deb.	983,547	...	...	4	18/9	18/9	19/3	4
Ditto Tr.	226,441	...	...	4	20/	19/6	...	...
B. Nat.	...	...	...	3½	14/9	14/6	15/	4½
STEAM.								
Aust. N. Navy	14,620	1	1	10	36/	35/	...	5½
Huddart	56,096	5	3½	8½	6¾	6	6¾	4½
Newcastle	100,000	1	1	8	18/9	18/3	19/	5
North Coast	121,742	1	17/6	8	23 6	23/	24/	6
Sydy Ferries	120,000	1	1	7	34 6	34 6	34 9	4
Port Jackson	25,000	50	25	...	26	24/	25/	...
Ditto Co-op. Deb. Stk.	9,000	...	1	...	17/	12/	...	...
INSURANCE.								
A. M. Fire	37,500	1	7/6	18½	31/	30/	32/	4½
Aust. Mutual	30,000	3	4/	17½	11 6	11/3	11/9	...
New Zealand	200,000	10	2	10	57/6	...	...	6½
United	62,500	10	2	10	72/6	72/6	...	5½
Ditto, Nos, &c.	5,725	10	12/6	10	15/	14 6	...	8½
GAS.								
Albury	7,500	1	12/6	10	18/	18/6	...	7
Australian	681,738	6	6	9	18¼	18¼	18½	5
C. Towers	20,000	10	10/	10	14/3	14 6	...	7
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	45/	44/6	...	6¾
[illegible]	8,000	1	1	8	24/	23 6	...	6½
Manly	10,000	1	1	7	24/	24/6	24/9	5½
Ditto, New	5,000	1	10/	7	13/	...	12/6	...
Mudgee	5,000	1	1	7	17/	16/9	...	...
Newcastle	93,128	2	1	1	6½	6½	...	4½
Ditto	...	...	5/	...	...	14 6	...	...
North Shore	100,000	1	1	7	30/	29/3	30 3	4½
Ditto, New	...	1	5/	...	11/	...	...	...
BREW'RIES.								
Albury	16,500	...	10	5	6/0	...	...	7½
Ditto	4,000	1	1	5	...	...	...	...
Australian	96,000	1	1	...	8/9	8/9	...	...
Tim. & Wood Bros.	250,000	1	1	4	13/6	12/9	13/6	6
Marshall's	29,720	10	5	6	3/9	3.7½	3/9	8½
[illegible]	58,088	15	15	15½	35 6	33/	...	7
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	7	26 6	26 3	26 9	5¼
MISCEL'N'S.								
Aarons'	17,800	1	10	...	3/7	...	3 9	...
Aus. News	40,000	1	1	5	16 1½	16/	16 6	6
B.H. W. Sup.	186,500	1	1	10½	28/6	28 6	...	6½
Burns, Philp.	375,000	1	1	8	37/	36/	...	4½
New Issue	...	1	5/	8	9/	8/	...	4½
Col. Sugar	1,708,000	40	20	10	40	39¾	40¼	5
New Issue	188,000	20	20	10	...	...	...	5
Dalgety Co.	1,000,000	20	5	8	5¾	6¼	6½	6½
Emu B. Rail.	100,000	1	1	...	5/6	5/	7/	...
Emu Gravel	34,000	1	1	5	12/	12/	...	9
Malt Co., con.	...	...	13/	...	...	10/	12/6	...
Mel. Trams	80,000	1	10/	10	22/9	22/6	...	4½
Mont de Piete	79,867	1	1	7½	26 6	26 3	27/	5½
Ditto New	1,548	1	10	7½	20/	...	...	...
Mort's Dock	150,000	1	1	5	16/	...	17/6	6½
Ditto Pref.	45,301	1	1	6	21/6	20/6	21 6	5½
F. Food, Ice.	158,000	1	18/	6	16/1	16/	16/3	6½
P.L. & Bruce, cum pref.	...	5	5	5	...	5	...	...
Shale and Oil	75,000	1	15/	...	5 11	5/8	6/	...
New York and B. Tub.	15,000	1	1	10	24/	22/	24/	8½
Perm. Trustee	25,000	5	2/6	5	2/	1 10½	2/	6½
Perpet. Trust.	25,000	10	5/	7	8/	8/	8 9	4½
Richardson & Wrench	60,000	1	1	5	13 3	13 3	...	7½
S. Trm.	97,886	1	1	40	26 3	25 6	26 6	8
Syd. Exch.	30,000	10	10	7	15½	14¾	...	4½
Syd. Hydr.	5,000	1	1	10	45/	45	...	4½
Ditto	87,500	1	13/	...	25 9	25/	...	4
Val'l. Orders	...	...	...	...	...	...	186	...
LAND & BD.								
Aus. Mut. Dep.	...	...	...	...	44	...	...	...
Excelsior Dep.	...	...	...	...	7/6	...	...	...
Fed. B. Dep.	...	...	...	...	14/	...	...	...
Haymarket's D.	...	...	13/	3	12/9	18/	...	...
Ind. Prov.	61,850	20	20	6	20	20	20½	6
Liter. B.	32,304	1	15	7	14 9	14/	14 9	7½
Ville M. & I.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sy. Fre. Land	...	...	...	...	6/10	8/6	5/	...
Syd & P. Dep.	...	...	...	...	10/	...	...	...

*Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution; otherwise on the last half-yearly one.

The re-election of President M'Kinley disposes for the time, and probably for ever, of any chance of the adoption of the free coinage of silver at any ratio in the United States. Not that there was any likelihood on this occasion of the success of his opponent while such a plank formed part of his platform. The people of the United States have not forgotten the collapse consequent on the apprehensions of the success of the silverites four years ago. The next four years can hardly fail to produce conditions that will offer less hope of success to a silver crusade than those lately prevailing. The Americans themselves are now becoming the money-lenders of the world, thus removing one of the principal arguments for the free coinage of silver.

The Sydney office of the National Bank of Australasia advises the adoption to-day in Melbourne of the half-yearly report.

The wool sales to-day produced no new features other than that the record prices of the season, 9d for greasy and 16½ for scoured, were obtained. This, however, was due to the quality of the wool rather than to any other cause, since prices were practically the same as on the previous day. The catalogues are marked by the comparatively poor quality of wool. Competition is fairly good. Out of 2984 bales offered 2383 bales were quitted publicly, private transactions bringing the total business to 2603 bales.

Various reasons are assigned in Melbourne for the comparative failure of the first issue of 3½ per cent. Credit Foncier bonds, which, as we mentioned yesterday, were only subscribed to the amount of £15,500 for £25,000 offered. The "Argus" thinks the limitation of the currency to four years certain is a drawback, as after that date they are subject to redemption by ballot. Ten years, it is thought, should be the certain term, since investors want a fairly-long dated security. The "Age" thinks the second issue will go more satisfactorily because people had not fully made up their mind, naturally adopting a cautious attitude. There is probably some reason in the further statement that the success of the issue was prejudiced by the presence on the market below par of unsold blocks of the recently issued 3 per cent. Government and 3½ per cent. Metropolitan Board of Works securities. The supply of money available for investment in these low priced securities is not unlimited, as we have already pointed out, in Australia, either in Melbourne or Sydney. And what the result of this first subscription of 3½ per cent. Credit Foncier bonds points to clearly is the diminishing amount of such money.

The question of which Mr. Whiddon has given notice as to pillaging in connection with the landing of merchandise at the Government wharfs is one of much interest to the mercantile community. The extent of the robbery is said, in many instances, to amount to half the contents of packages, and falls heavily on consignees. It is implied, in the series of questions asked, that the attention of the authorities has been called without securing any adequate redress. Where or how the loss arises may be a matter of question, but there is none about the necessity of the Government being called upon to make proper inquiries, and take the requisite precautions against its continuance. It ought not to require appeals to Parliament or the press to effect remedies for public abuses; but evidently something of the kind is required to put a check to the losses now complained of.

The value of the imports into Sydney for the week ended November 4 was £342,740, against £380,174 in the corresponding week of 1899. The value of the exports in the week amounted to £166,038, against £600,918. From the beginning of the year the trade has been as follows:—

IMPORTS.

	1899.	1900.	Increase or Decrease.
Gold	£1,989,479	£2,588,469	Inc. £598,990
Wool	770,700	548,503	Dec. 222,197
Tallow	209,076	89,334	Dec. 119,742
Skins and hides	463,573	415,696	Dec. 47,877
Produce	991,827	699,156	Dec. 292,671
Wheat	116,541	10,587	Dec. 105,954
Flour	235,089	21,256	Dec. 183,833
Butter	68,059	32,777	Dec. 35,282
Other merch.	12,707,386	14,478,384	Inc. 1,880,998
Total	£17,548,330	£18,814,152	Inc. £1,271,893

EXPORTS.

	1899.	1900.	Increase or Decrease.
Gold	£3,737,788	£4,602,893	Inc. £865,109
Wool	4,289,020	3,685,134	Dec. 603,886
Tallow	190,899	119,274	Dec. 72,125
Skins and hides	647,885	562,950	Dec. 84,885
Leather	329,829	326,468	Dec. 3,361
Meat	437,990	409,767	Inc. 71,777
Produce	238,055	240,079	Inc. 2,024
Wheat	31,851	165,680	Inc. 133,829
Flour	93,862	154,900	Inc. 60,838
Tin	176,299	184,835	Inc. 8,536
Copper	305,548	364,617	Inc. 58,069
Butter	163,313	256,705	Inc. 93,392
Other merch.	3,403,809	3,596,162	Inc. 192,353
Total	£14,066,582	£14,789,638	Inc. £723,070

The imports of merchandise show an increase of 3·8 per cent., the exports of merchandise a decrease of 1·3 per cent. The gold imports for the week aggregated £62,537 in bullion. The gold exports for the week totalled £13,239, including £4730 for Hongkong, £3000 for London, £4000 for Siam, and £670 for Marseilles in coin, and £893 in bullion for London. Of the exports of gold since the beginning of the year the sum of £4,244,511 was in coin and £358,351 in bullion, against £3,075,251 in coin and £662,502 in bullion in the corresponding period of last year.

The following is the Customs return of the imports and exports into and from New South Wales of gold coin and gold uncoined during the month of October, 1900:—

IMPORTS.

—	Whence Imported.	Value Gold Coin.	Value Gold Uncoined.
By Sea—		£	£
To Sydney	Victoria	...	50
Sydney	Queensland	...	153,294
Sydney	South Australia	...	408
Sydney	Tasmania	...	4,800
Sydney	New Zealand	...	73,256
	Total by Sea	...	231,807
Borderwise—			
Via Albury	Victoria	213,000	...
Delegate	Victoria	...	44
Moama	Victoria	200	...
Wallangarra	Queensland	...	63,568
	Total Borderwise	213,200	63,612
	Total Imports	213,200	295,219

EXPORTS.

—	Destination.	Value Gold Coin.	Value Gold Uncoined.
By Sea—		£	£
From Sydney	London	...	14,349
Sydney	Hongkong	9,250	...
Sydney	San Francisco	650,000	...
Sydney	Marseilles	670	...
Sydney	Noumea, N.C.	1,000	...
Sydney	Suva, Fiji	2,000	...
	Total by Sea	662,920	14,349
Borderwise—			
Via Albury	Victoria	26,260	13,460
Wallangarra	Queensland	30,000	...
	Total Borderwise	56,260	13,460
	Total Exports	719,180	27,809

During the past month, £213,200 was imported from Victoria to provide for the shipments, amounting to £650,000, made to San Francisco. Since January 1 the total imports of gold into New South Wales have been £3,494,883, including £2,694,306 bullion and £800,567 coin. Of the coin £36,500 was received borderwise from South Australia and £746,600 from Victoria; £5500 was received seawise from New Zealand, £5200 from Tasmania, and £1667 from Honolulu. Of the bullion £164,305 was received borderwise from Queensland, £13,633 from Victoria, and £2,531,514 was received seawise, including £1,686,883 from Queensland, £643,950 from New Zealand, £193,132 from Western Australia, £62,105 from Tasmania, £841 from Victoria, £14,880 from South Australia, and £13,793 from New Guinea. The total exports of gold for the eight months aggregated £5,236,443. The exports exceeded the imports by £1,711,082. As the gold yield of the colony for the first nine months of the year was £1,118,431, the figures imply that there is a lesser value here by about £315,000 than on January 1 last.

BREADSTUFFS.

The market was stagnant. Wheat ruled nominally at 2s 7d ex trucks, with flour at £6 5s to £6 10s for local and £11 to £11 5s for Manitoba.

The exports of wheat from the port of Sydney during the week ended November 3 were:—

	Wheat. Bags.
To Queensland	2,274
To Japan	8,802
To Union Islands	1
Total	11,077

The shipments of flour during the same week were:—

	Sacks.	½-sacks.	¼-sacks.
Queensland	2,070	142	800
Japan	200	...	18,280
Noumea	250	12	...
Islands	317	131	...
	3,337	286	19,040

Up to date shipments have been:—

	Wheat. Bags.	Flour. Bags.
Previously in 1900	289,577	224,052
Week ended November 3	11,077	8,245
Total	300,654	232,297

Speaking at Bairnsdale a few days ago, the Victorian Premier made a statement regarding the position taken up in that colony in regard to the elevator system of handling grain. He said:—"You are doubtless aware that the present Government has sent the Commissioner of Railways to America to study there the elevator system of handling grain. The wheat-growers in the mallee and on the northern plains have probably the hardest lot of any people in the colony, and anything that we can do to assist these people to place their products on the markets of the world at the lowest possible rate we certainly should do. By handling grain in bulk you greatly reduce the cost of handling and of export, and do away with the cost of the bags. These elevators also grade the wheat, and when a farmer sells his wheat properly graded he gets the full market value for it. The buyer leaves a margin on the safe side when purchasing wheat that is ungraded, and the farmer always suffers. Mr. Mathieson and Mr. Sinclair have gone through America in the busy grain season, and we have had letters from them, stating that they are both satisfied that if they can make the necessary arrangements with the shipping agents the elevator system will prove a great boon to the farmers of Victoria. We have set aside £100,000 for the purpose of establishing that system in the colony. Should we find that the reports of those officers will justify the outlay, the greatest care will be of course exercised in not spending a shilling in this direction until we are thoroughly satisfied that the expenditure will be a good and wise investment."

Messrs. John Darling and Son, writing from Adelaide on November 5, state:—

Wheat.—European markets remain without any alteration. They continue quiet, with but little disposition to operate ahead, and present values nominally are 30s per 480lb., c.i.f. for cargoes to United Kingdom or Continent, and about 6d per quarter less for parcels to London direct. There is no change to report in our local markets, which remain quiet. The amount of business passing is extremely small, as sellers do not seem very eager to quit at current rates, and buyers are in no way anxious to add to their holdings. Values to-day may be given as 2s 7½d to 2s 8d per bushel at Port Adelaide for f.a.q. wheat.

Flour.—No change for the better to report. Markets continue extremely depressed, with no demand, and values may be given as £5 10s to £5 15s per ton for ordinary, and £6 to £6 5s per ton for best patent roller f.o.b. Port Adelaide.

Some interesting figures were published by the "Cincinnati Price Current" of September 27, which said: "Wheat-sowing is much in arrear, but the present conditions are mostly favourable. There is no fresh news regarding the spring wheat crop, but it is noticeable that at Minneapolis and Duluth the primary receipts so far this season amount to only 20,900,000 bushels, against 34,600,000 bushels last year. Chicago's receipts this season are, however, about 10 million bushels in excess of last year's, whilst Kansas and St. Louis have received about 29 million bushels of winter wheat, against 12 millions last year. The feature, therefore, continues to be the comparative abundance of winter wheat, and the large total visible supply, which, according to 'Bradstreet's,' is now 73,855,000 bushels, against 57,666,000 bushels last year, and 18,842,000 bushels in 1898."

The European visible supply of wheat on September 25 last was 7,530,000 quarters, against 7,560,000 quarters on the same date last year.

IMPORT MARKET.

Wholesale business continued to be almost at a standstill to-day. Distributors, however, reported being kept busy with country and suburban orders. Prices locally showed no change, nor were any alterations of significance advised by cable from oversea markets.

Tea.—Privately 40 chests of Ceylon teas changed hands at 8½d to 9d per lb.

Sugar.—A steady distributing trade was effected at late market rates. The prices of Millaquin sugars have been raised by £1 per ton in Queensland, but no change has taken place in this market.

Groceries.—There was a complete absence of speculative excitement, only hand-to-mouth orders being given. Prices were without change throughout. Two tons of Japan rice sold at £14 2s 6d per ton.

Liquors.—A quiet demand was experienced for these goods. No alteration occurred in the prices of the leading lines. Hennessy's brandy sold at 34s 3d to 34s 6d for one-star and 45s 6d to 46s 9d for three-star. Lowndes's rum was quoted at 3s 11d to 4s, while Key gin remained at 11s 6d for 15 bottle and 12s for 16 bottle. Usher's whisky met with a good trade demand. There were also sales of Sir John Power's whisky. Fifty cases of Vat stout sold at agents' prices.

Brewers' Goods.—A leading firm of maltsters in the eastern counties of England writing on the malt market state:—"Our harvest is now finished, and we are glad to report that the crop in this neighbourhood is quite equal to last year's, but we hear that in some parts of England, especially in the south and west, they have not been so fortunate, and the wet weather during their harvesting operations to some extent has injured the crop. There has not been a sufficient quantity yet marketed to fix prices, but the small quantity that has been sold shows at least 1s per quarter advance over last year. Next month we expect to see the market at last year's prices, otherwise there will be no alternative but to raise prices of our malts." Locally English malt was slow of sale at 6s 3d to 6s 6d per bushel. Hops moved off slowly at recently current rates.

Metals.—No sales of a wholesale character were reported. Barbed wire was firmly held for £15 10s per ton. Some holders are asking better rates for Nos. 8 and 10 black American, owing to the comparative scarcity of good quality.

Jute Goods.—Small sales of cornsacks were made, 10-bale lots going at 5s 10½d and 5s 11d. Holders showed a little hesitancy about selling and many inquiries were made as to weather conditions in the wheat-growing districts. Branbags remained quiet at 4s 2d. Cables from Calcutta advise a steady and unchanged jute market there.

Oils.—Kerosene was quoted at about 1s 2d for fair-sized parcels, but no wholesale business was advised. Holders of Blundell, Spence, and Co.'s linseed oil quote 4s 3d and 4s 5d for raw and boiled. Castor was cabled unchanged at 2s 6d c.i.f. from Calcutta.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £6261. The principal items were:—

Spirits, £2798; wine, £127; ale, porter, and beer, £95; tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £1837; tea, £41; sugar and molasses, £90; opium, £144; dried and candied fruits, £803; confectionery, £16; harbour and light rates, £64; pilotage, £41; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £500; excise on beer £206. Total, £6261.

EXPORT MARKET.

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour to-day 5301 bales of wool were manifested to arrive by rail, 1899 were received coastwise, and 601 came forward by rail at Newcastle on Saturday last.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, Nov. 6.

WHEAT AND FLOUR STATISTICS.

—	Oct. 23, 1900.	Oct. 31, 1900.	Nov. 6, 1900.
Afloat—	Quarters.	Quarters.	Quarters.
For United Kingdom	2,290,000	2,355,000	2,190,000
For Continent	1,1?5,000	1,160,000	1,060,000
Total	3,395,000	3,515,000	3,250,000

BANKS AND AUSTRALIAN STOCKS.

Bank of Australasia, 1 lower at 73.

Bank of New South Wales, unchanged at 44.

Union Bank of Australia, unchanged at 38.

National Bank of New Zealand, ½ higher at 5½.

Bank of New Zealand 4 per cent. guaranteed Stock, ½ lower at 101.

New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company 4 per cent. prior lien stock, unchanged at 94.

City of Melbourne 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 102.*

Melbourne Harbour Trust 4 per cent. bonds, unchanged at 102.

Melbourne Tramway Trust 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged at 107½.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works 4 per cent. debentures, 1 higher at 104.

M'Cracken's City Brewery 4 per cent. debentures, 58.

*Ex interest.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Some wheat is selling in the country, but very little is being delivered at Port Adelaide. The value is steady at 2s 7½d to 2s 8d. Flour is unchanged and quiet at from £6 7s 6d to £6 10s. Bran and pollard are firm, the former at 9d and the latter at 10d to 10½d. Stocks of Hubbuck's linseed oil are light, and the market is very firm. Boiled is worth 4s 6½d and raw 4s 4½d. Kerosene is strong at 1s 6d per gallon.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

On the Stock Exchange to-day Victorian 3 per cents debentures sold at £97, £96 17s 6d; Metropolitan Board of Works 3½ per cents, £99 10s; Colonial Bank pref. sold at £8 16s; Commercial Bank pref., £6 18s; Australian Deposit and Mortgage pref., 28s; Melbourne Tram, 22s 10d; Silverton Tram, 97s; B.H. Water Supply, 28s 3d; Federal Coffee Palace, 4s 3d.

Wheat is firm and in good demand. About 2000 bags sold at 2s 8d on store, and 2s 8d at the ship's side. Flour is £6 2s 6d to £6 5s. At the meeting of the association the proposal to establish a single selling agency was discussed, but was not adopted. Bran is 9½d to 9¾d, pollard, 10½d to 11d.

A fair business was done in this barley at 1s 9d to 1s 10d. Algerian oats are selling at 2s to 2s 1d; maize, 2s 9d; chaff, 37s 6d to 55s. Potatoes are firm at 50s; onions, up to £9 10s. A parcel of powdered borax sold at £22 10s. Cornsacks are quiet up to 5s 9d. Castor oil sold at 3s 3d. Kerosene is quiet; deliveries for the past week have been 3400 cases. Stocks on spot, including arrivals per Belmore and the Earl of Dunmore, amount to 40,485 cases. Prime factory butter is 9d to 9½d; choice, 9¾d. Eggs, 6½d to 7d.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Leura sailed to-day for Sydney with 26 cases fruit pulp, 304 bags potatoes, 110 cases jam, 200 bags flour.

PALMER'S ISLAND, Wednesday.

The Kallatina left at 11 a.m. with 220 bags of maize, 1 bag horns, 2 bags bones, 43 bags sugar, 62 bag potatoes, 66 bags beans, 125 cases eggs, 8 cases fish, 18 cases vegetables, 9 cases oranges, 5 cases honey, 1 cask tallow, 26 coops poultry, 47 hides, 7 bundles skins, 13 casks molasses, 246 boxes butter, 33 pigs, 10,000ft. hardwood, 109 sides bacon, 29 cans cream, 19 packages furniture, 27 packages sundries.

DAIRY NEWS.

KANGALOON DAIRY COMPANY.

BOWRAL, Wednesday.

The tenth annual meeting of shareholders in the Kangaloon Dairy Company, Limited, was held on Monday night. The report for the six months ended September 30, stated that 117,505 gallons of milk had been treated, producing 54,932½lb. of butter. Suppliers were paid an average of 4d per gallon for milk. The balance-sheet showed the income for the half-year to be £2434 4s 4d. The butter sales by the Berrima District Farm and Dairy Company represented £2288 13s 5d. The expenditure amounted to £2536 16s 1d, the chief item being £1913 16s 9d for the purchase of milk. The debit balance at the bank increased from £93 16s 8d at March 31 to £196 8s 5d at September 30, showing a loss of £102 11s 9d on the half-year's operations. The ballot for four directors resulted in the election of Messrs. J. L. Smith, A. Knox, A. Piper, and W. Wills. Mr. J. J. Morrow was re-elected auditor.

MOLONG, Wednesday.

The directors of the Molong District Dairying Company, Limited, addressed a meeting of farmers at Boree last night in connection with the establishment of a creamery in that part of the district.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Wednesday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

Owing to this being an "off day" business was rather quiet in most lines. Supplies under offer were ample for all requirements. Apart from a rise in lucerne hay and onions, no changes of note in values occurred. The market for maize had a somewhat firmer tone, sales being made more readily at from 2s 10d to 3s per bushel. Oats moved steadily up to 2s 2d for extra choice heavy feed oats. Barley, peas, and chickwheat were more or less neglected. Bran had quiet sale at 7½d, while pollard was slow and a trifle weaker. Owing to the small deliveries of lucerne from the Hunter River during the past week, a decided improvement in prices has taken place. The inquiry to-day was good, up to 55s for prime quality. The arrivals from the Hunter totalled 177 bales. The market was bare of imported straw. Chaff was in good demand, while oaten hay was scarce and firm. The sale for potatoes continued steady at quotations; no choice Tasmanian Circulars were available. Onions sold well at advanced rates on account of scarcity. New local moved off at £8. In dairy produce trade was quiet at yesterday's closing rates.

Wholesale quotations were:—

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—Local: Good sale. Prime, to £3 10s; extra green, to £3 15s; medium, to £3; inferior, up to £2 10s; new, to £3 17s 6d. Victorian, £2 15s to £3; prime, £3 5s; extra choice, £3 10s per ton.

Straw.—Local: Bundled, £1 10s to £1 17s 6d; derrick-pressed, to £2. Imported: £1 17s 6d per ton.

Lucerne.—Best new, £2 12s 6d to £2 15s; good qualities to £2 10s; railway, small bales, prime, £3; large bales, medium, £2 10s; prime, £2 15s to £3. Trusses: New, to £2 17s 6d per ton.

Hay.—Local oaten in bundles, prime £3 10s; medium, £3 7s 6d to £3; inferior sorts, up to £2 5s per ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Bacon and Hams.—Hand-cured, prime, 6½d to 6¾d, second-class, 6d; flitches, 4d; middles, to 7½d; New Zealand flitches, 5½d to 5¾d; Pineapple brand and York Castle mild-cured brand, sides 7d, flitches 6½d, middle, 8d; local hams, choice, in cloth, 7½d to 8d; others, 6½d; New Zealand, 8½d; Bodalla sides, 6¾d; English, 9d; small weights, 8½d; Pineapple hams, 8½d per lb.

Butter.—Good sale. Choice local creamery quoted 9d, second quality factory 8d to 8½d, dairy and pastry 6d to 7½d per lb.

Eggs.—North, 6½d to 6¾d; South 6½d, choice lots 7d; new-laid suburban eggs, hens' 8d to 8½d, ducks' 9½d per dozen.

Cheese.—Choice loaf, 5d; medium quality, 4½d to 4½d; large choice, to 5d; medium quality to 4½d; New Zealand, extra large 5½d, medium size 5½d; choice loaf, 6d; Bodalla 6d; Kameruka, 6d per lb.

Poultry.—Good demand at very high figures. Fowls 3s to 3s 3d, roosters to 4s 3d; young roosters, locally reared, 3s to 5s; fowls, 3s to 3s 3d. English river ducks, 3s to 3s 6d; locally reared, 3s 6d to 4s 6d; Muscovy ducks, river, 3s 6d to 5s; locally reared ducks, 5s to 5s 6d; drakes, 5s to 5s 6d; geese, 6s to 8s; turkeys, gobblers, young 7s to 7s 6d, old 7s 6d to 10s, prime 11s to 14s, extra heavy to 17s, hens 5s 6d to 7s per pair.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran was quoted 7½d; and pollard 7½d to 8d per bushel.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Victorian potatoes, £4 to £4 10s; New Zealand Derwents, prime, £3 10s; new local, £4 to £5; choice, £5 15s per ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Lard.—Bladders, 4½ to 4¾d; bulk, 3d to 3½d per lb.

Onions.—Victorian: Nominal. American: £13. New local, £8 per ton.

WOOD MARKET.

Good supply. Quiet demand. Best footwood 11s to 12s 6d, second quality 9s 6d to 10s 6d, inferior 8s to 9s; bakers' split, small 8s to 9s, ordinary 7s to 8s, rough 6s 6d to 7s, bundles 10s to 11s; rough 6s to 7s 6d; billets, good 7s to 9s, rough 4s to 5s per ton.

FEED-GRAIN MARKET.

Oats.—Best feed quoted 2s 1d; special lots, 2s 2d; medium 1s 11d to 2s; local, 1s 6d to 1s 11d per bushel.

Maize. — Market steady. Prime river quoted 3s; other qualities, to 2s 11d per bushel.

Peas.—Blue, 3s 3d; grey, 2s 6d per bushel.

Barley.—Cape, choice, 2s 4d; inferior from 2s per bushel; English feed, 2s to 2s 2d per bushel.

Chickwheat.—Prime whole, 2s 3d to 2s 3½d; other sorts, to 2s 2½d per bushel.

RED BANK SALE.

At the Redfern railway terminus markets this morning only a limited supply of produce was submitted at auction. There was a moderate attendance of buyers, who operated pretty freely in most lines. Choice green made 3s 3d to 3s 6d, good medium to 3s, and inferior to 2s 9d per cwt. Choice lucerne realised 3s and second quality 2s 9d per cwt. Prime oaten hay was taken at 3s 6d per cwt. Choice potatoes sold at 8s to 8s 6d, medium to 7s 7d, and inferior from 1s 9d per cwt.

Appended are the proportions of the various descriptions of produce actually submitted at to-day's sale:—Chaff, 26 trucks; lucerne, 3; oaten hay, 1; straw, 1; potatoes, 6.

Among the consignees were:—Messrs. Shepherd, Harvey, and Walker, Heaton Bros., Farmers and Settlers' Association, Farmers' Co-operative Company, G. Wells and Matthew, Ellis and Co., Dent and Perry, J. Bridge and Co., H. Prescott and Co., J. W. Gray and Co., and H. M. Sutter and Co.

Supplies were disposed of as follows:—

Chaff.—From W. H. Palmer, Narromine, (truck No. 6627) 3s 3d, (6105) 3s; J. Lane, (7612) 3s 6d, (1523) 3s 6d; Farmers and Settlers' Association, (1810) passed, (6223) 3s 6d; M'Callum, Old Junee, (9986) 3s 9d; J. Wren, Grogs, (669) passed; F. Murphy, Harden, (6890) 3s 3d, (7199) 3s 1d; Johnson, Wagga, (5728) passed; M'Inerney, Gundagai, (3165) 2s 6d; Little, Newbridge, (2802) 3s; T. H. and W. Spring Hill, (6752) passed; W. H. and Co., Temora, (10047) 2s 6d; G. Hillier, Wallendbeen, (4264) 3s; Prescott, Webb's Siding, (174) and (1299) passed; Shumack, Narromine, (8061) 3s 6d; White, Euinmega, (4484) 3s 6d, (3406) 3s 6d; Palmer, Narromine, (4413) 3s 3d; F. Woods, Webb's Siding, (4729) passed; T. W. Brown, New Park, (1495) 3s 6d; T. Henderson, Nubba, (9894) passed; Roberts, Demondrille, (7578) passed.

Straw.—Bundle: From Brooks, Newbridge, (900) passed.

Lucerne.—From N. M'Kinnon, Nemingha, (4743) 3s 6d, (15676) passed; A. Mathieson, Tamworth, (1310) 3s per cwt.

Oaten Hay.—From J. Ulph, Lyndhurst, (958) 3s 6d per cwt.

Potatoes.—From Carter, Goulburn, (3541) 40 bags 3s, 12 bags 1s 9d; M'Donald and Co., Crookwell, 8s 6d; Clements, Gayney, (1785) 1s 10d; Wilson, Newbridge, (4808) 1s 11d; Saunders, Millthorpe, (6217) 36 bags 3s and 2s 7d; Kennedy, Goulburn, (431) 3s 7d and 3s 9d; O'Brien, (4306) passed.

FRUIT MARKETS.

Supplies under offer at the Bathurst-street markets this morning were rather light. The cherries forward had good sale up to 16s per case, a few odd cases going at 16s each. Local fruits were scarce and in good request at firm prices. Apples moved steadily, the prices ruling restricting the sale in a small degree. Bananas sold well, while pines were plentiful and rather dull of sale at reduced values.

Current quotations were:—

Bananas.—2s 6d to 4s per bunch; Queensland, 8s to 8s 6d; Fiji, cases, 10s to 11s; Queensland, 9s to 10s.

Cocoanuts.—7s to 8s per bag.

Loquats.—Common, 2s 6d to 3s 6d, good 4s to 5s, prime 5s 6d to 6s 6d a gin-case, a few extra choice 4s; Ward's varieties, 3s to 10s, a few special lots 11s to 12s per half-case.

Lemons.—Rough to 5s, good to 6s, choice coloured 7s 6d per gin-case.

Dates.—2d to 2½d per lb.

Tomatoes.—Queensland, 3s 6d to 4s, choice, 4s 6d to 5s per quarter-case.

Cucumbers.—Queensland, 3s to 4s 6d per half-cases, 5s to 6s per double-case.

Pineapples.—Common, inferior 4s to 7s, choice 8s to 10s; queens, 6s to 8s per case.

Cherries.—Victorian: 8s to 16s. Local: 10s to 14s per quarter-case, 3s to 5s per 12lb box.

Strawberries.—1s to 4s per four-quart box.

Special lots to 2s 6d per quart.

Oranges.—Local windfalls, rough to 4s, good to 6s, choice 7s; rough pulled to 8s, good 9s to 10s, prime 12s to 13s; extra choice 14s per gin-case.

Passionfruit.—Choice 10s to 18s, medium to 14s, inferior to 9s a gin-case; choice, 8s to 10s half-case.

Apples.—American, Wine Saps, 18s to 17s, W. W. Pearmains, 15s to 16s, N. Y. Pippins, 13s to 14s per case; Tasmanian Sturmers, 8s 6d to 7s 6d, choice 8s to 9s; Scarlets, choice 12s to 13s, special lots 14s, good 8s to 10s 6d, fair quality 7s to 8s 6d, small good sorts from 3s to 6s 6d; Stone Pippins, 5s to 6s 6d, choice 6s; French Crabs, 5s 6d to 7s, good 7s to 7s 6d, choice 8s to 8s 6d per case.

HOMEBUSH SALES.

The offerings at the Homebush sales to-day, Thursday, will be as follows:—

Sheep.—Total, 18,143.

Cattle.—Total, 697.

CITY YARDS.

Pigs.—139 were yarded, including 50 baconers, which were held over for Friday's sale. Porkers had good sale at an advance of 1s to 1s 6d per head on yesterday's closing rates. No backfatters or stores were offered. Best porkers made 25s to 27s; good, 19s 6d to 22s; and others from 17s 6d each.

Calves.—150 were forward, the bulk of which were rather small. Competition was brisk at about last week's closing rates. Good yearlings and 18-month-old steers made to £4 5s; best vealers realised to 50s, good heavy to 40s, medium 16s to 28s, and light from 5s upwards.

STOCK AND STATION PRODUCE.

The Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company, Limited, John Bridge and Co., Limited, Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, Hill, Clark, and Co., Pastoral Finance Association, Limited, and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Limited, report:—

Bark.—Supplies are not very extensive, and any good lines are readily taken privately by buyers at full rates. Quotations:—Best chopped, £7 10s to £8 per ton; good, £7 to £7 10s; medium and light, £5 10s to £6 15s; inferior, £2 to £4 5s.

Leather.—Sales were held by Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Limited. Although the catalogues submitted included some attractive parcels, buyers acted cautiously, and for some choice finishes only, in waxed and split yearling, as also special lines of kips, could competition be considered fairly active. For tweeds there was slow inquiry owing to the fact that manufacturers were not in want of such, and in consequence sales effected were on a rather diminished scale. Basils received fair attention, sales being effected at unchanged values, while sole leather received its usual share of attention. Black and brown harness of heavy average quality continue in good demand, also bridle and bag leathers of best quality. Calf tweed, best 18d to 20d per lb., medium 16d to 17d; cow tweed, best 13d to 16½d, medium 13d to 14d; yearling tweed, best 17d to 18d, medium 15d to 16d; split yearling tweed, best 17d to 18d, medium and heavy 14d to 16d; waxed calf, super, 2s 4d to 2s 2½d, medium and fair 18d to 20d; kip, superior 11½d to 12d, medium 10½d to 11d, heavy and inferior 9d to 10d; waxed yearling, best 15½d to 17½d, heavy and common, 15d to 15½d; dressed splits, superior 8d to 9d, medium 6d to 7d; sole, heavy 10d to 11d, medium 9d to 9½d, faulty and damaged 6d to 7½d; shoulders, 7½d to 9½d; bellies, 6d to 6½d; waxed kangaroo, 20d to 21d; splits, rough butts 4d to 5½d; shoulders, 2½d to 3½d; basils, first shoe 10s 6d to 12s 6d per dozen, second shoe 7s 6d to 9s, third shoe 4s to 6s, and fleshes 11s 6d to 16s, greasy 7s 6d to 11s; bridle, 9s 6d to 11s per side; bag, 8s 6d to 10s 6d per side; harness, best heavy brown 11½d to 15d, medium 10½d to 11½d, heavy black 12½d to 13½d, medium 11d to 12d.

SYDNEY WOOL SALES.

As has been the case during the present season so far as it has gone, small catalogues for the time of year were again submitted to-day (Wednesday), when the following brokers brought forward the quantities undermentioned:—

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited	839
J. C. Young and Co.	419
Dalgety and Co., Limited	1726
	2984

Pitt, Son, and Badgery's selection included few lines above medium quality, most of the lots being faulty in some respect. Their offerings came from the following districts, viz.:—Greasy: Hay, Jerilderie, Jerry's Plains, Mantila, Warialda, Temora, Goulburn, Wee Waa, Darlington Point, Tarago, Murrumburrah, Wagga, Mudgee, Crookwell, Narromine, Narrabri, Cow Flat. Scoured: Jindabyne, Narrabri, Taralga, and one or two local lots. Their highest price in the greasy division was 7½d, obtained for 7 bales super combing marked W and H° over Bolaro from Mudgee, 6 bales first combing, and 10 bales second combing making 7½d, and 16 bales super clothing 7d. This wool showed excellent breeding and good quality, was sound stapled, practically free, in fairly heavy condition, but well classed. Other sales were:—Greasy: BY over Wongo (Manilla), 17 at 5d, 5 crossbred at 4d, burry, skirty, very faulty; MR (conjoined) over Barrine (Warialda), 10 ewes at 6¼d, dry, seedy, and skirty; RM over N over Temora, 10 at 7d, well grown, soft, and free; TC over bar in circle (Darlington Point), 10 ewes at 5¼d, short, heavy, and very dusty; CC over MF (Murrumburrah), 15 at 6¼d, nice quality, well grown, soft, free, but a little skirty; Harefield over WP&N (Wagga), 50 at 6¾d, fine, well grown, soft, light, and free, but a little tender. They sold scoured to 15½d, this price being obtained for 6 bales super marked B&M, a short, fine clothing wool, very free and dry, well treated by M'Grath Brothers. The bulk of the scoured wools were passed in, bids not coming up to expectations.

J. C. Young and Co.'s catalogue contained also only a mediocre selection, wools from the Mudgee district, however, taking the best position. Their principal lots came from the following localities:—Greasy: Mullengudgery, Cowra, Parkes, Coonamble, Manildra, Trangie, Narromine, Mudgee, Wellington, Coolah, Quambone, Moree, Gundagai. Scoured was only represented by small oddments.

In greasy the top price of their sale, and of the season so far, was 9d secured for 4 bales A combing ewes of the Cooyal over Mudgee clip, a fine wool of good combing quality, bright, free, and in good condition, 4 bales made 8¾d, 5 combing 7½d, 7 A clothing ewes 8½d, 9 first pieces 6½d, 10 second pieces 5d, 4 bellies 4d.

Other sales were:—Greasy: WI, from Parkes, 11 at 6d, good quality, and shafty, but very skirty and seedy. EP over Dundoo Hills over Junee, 5 at 7d, good combing, in fair condition. — over 98 (Cowra), 4 crossbred at 7d. TJM over Tilburro (Mudgee), 6 at 6¾d. Coppymurrumbilla over IB (Moree), 7 rams at 6d. Gun (Gundagai), 5 at 6¾d.

Dalgety and Co.'s offerings included a very considerable proportion of good quality woolsa, and the catalogue was the best selection of the day. The following districts were represented:—Greasy: Whitton, Gradman, Quambone, Wagga, Gilgandra, Condobolin, Forbes, Molong, Wamboyne, Bourke, Bungendore, Walgett, Mudgee, Wyalong, Beeftown, Moss Vale, Jerilderie, Inverell, and Queensland. Scoured: Townsville (Q.), Narrandera, and Winton (Q.).

In greasy their top price was 8d, paid for 9 bales first ewes, wethers, and hoggets of the CSW over B. PARK over Illabo mark, 28 bales first ewes bringing 7¾d. 17 first wethers at 7¾d, 13 bales at 6¾d, 41 first pieces at 7d, 16 second pieces at 4½d to 5d, 11 bellies at 4½d, 10 locks at 3½d. This clip showed useful quality, was deep-grown, free, in nice condition.

Other sales were: Greasy—VD conjoined over Mudgee; 7 super ewes, at 7d, 36 first combing ewes at 6¾d, of good quality, fair length, sound and medium condition. Gerilgambeth over WP (Wagga), 6 at 6¾d, 6 comeback at 6¾d, 7 lambs at 4¾d. The merino was irregular in quality and length, generally sound, in fair condition, and part skirty. Gumin (Gilgandra), 37 at 6¾d, 13 at 5¾d, 20 first and second clothing at 6¾d, of good quality, deep grown, slightly dusty tip and rather burry. Booma, from Condobolin, 25 at 7½d, 39 at 7d, 6 at 6¾d, 11 first pieces at 6¾d, good quality, fair length, soft, slightly dusty tip, dry condition. AFG over Tregalana, 10 at 7½d, 18 at 7d, 15 B wethers at 6d, 7 B ewes at 5¾d, 17 B ewes at 4¾d, of good quality and length, soft, free, and in fair condition. SBL in diamond (Molong), 21 at 6¾d, of good, useful quality, fair length, healthy condition. JM over Pine Park (Wamboyne), 11 at 6¾d, good quality, fair length, part short, slightly dusty tip. Euginedon (Q.), 55 at 6d, 28 at 5¾d, 26 at 5¼d, very fine, but short and dusty. SMO over Kulki (Jerilderie), 19 first combing ewes at 7d, 5 at 6d, 10 second combing wether and ewe hoggets and wethers at 6¾d, 15 second combing ewes at 6d, 17 second lambs at 6¾d, 11 necks at 6¾d, 20 at 6½d, 15 second pieces at 5d, 14 bellies at 4½d. This clip was of useful quality, deep grown, generally sound, and in fair condition. AM over Bannockburn (Inverell), 20 at 7½d, 13 at 7½d, 36 at 7d, 24 first pieces at 6d, an attractive wool, of good length, in medium condition.

They sold scoured to 16½d, 18 bales 2nd combing of the GF over Beaconsfield clip from Queensland selling at the figure named, being the top price of the season so far. Other sales were:—Aitkenvale over I.M (Townsville, Q.), 7 at 12d, 45 at 11½d, 8 at 11½d, 7 first pieces B at 9½d, 7 pieces at 7½d, good quality and length, fair colour, sound, little seed, JA over Sunnyside (Narrandera), 10 fleeces at 13d, 4 pieces at 11½d, good quality and colour, medium length, and free.

Although the highest prices of the season in the colonies both for greasy and scoured, viz., 9d and 16½d respectively, were obtained to-day, the market generally may be quoted as unchanged for all descriptions. In some cases very faulty greasies showed an easier tendency, in others they made previous rates, and very occasionally slightly exceeded them. For all good wools there was very keen competition, and the demand was strong and well distributed. Scoured wools, especially the better qualities, were in good request, and had an upward tendency.

Offerings and sales were:—

Brokers.	Offerings.	Sales. At Auction.	Privately at Catalogue.	Privately uncatalogued.	Total.
Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited	839	643	...	...	643
J. C. Young and Co.	419	203	40	...	263
Dalgety and Co., Limited	1,726	1,617	180	...	1,797
Total	2,984	2,383	220	...	2,603

In yesterday's report of Hill, Clark, and Co.'s sale the Cocoinbil clip was stated to have been sold up to 7¼d. This should have been 7½d.

GOULBURN FAT STOCK SALES.

GOULBURN, Wednesday.

The weekly stock sales held to-day were not very largely attended. Between 3000 and 4000 sheep were yarded, with a small proportion of fat. Fat wethers in wool made 11s 6d to 12s 6d, and shorn were passed at 8s 11d. Store wethers in wool brought 8s 10d to 9s 6d; shorn, 8s 1d to 8s 6d; ewes, with lambs, to 8s 10d. About 400 cattle were yarded, including a fair proportion of fats, consisting principally of light-weight cows. The market for fat cattle was good. Beefy bullocks realised £5 4s to £8 10s; best cows, £5 15s to £6 2s; others, £4 10s to £5 5s; store cows, £3 3s to £3 7s 6d; three-year-old steers, bullocks, £3 10s to £4 10s; three-year-old heifers, £3 12s 6d to £3 16s; two-year-old steers, £2 5s to £2 11s; two-year-old heifers, £2 2s to £2 7s 6d; poddies, 30s to 36s; springers, £4 to £5.

ADELAIDE FAT STOCK MARKET.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Messrs. Elder, Smith, and Co. report:—Cattle: 490 yarded, comprising all qualities; 60 New South Wales, 200 north of this colony, 90 south-east, and the remainder local. Sales fluctuated considerably, but values generally were higher. Prime beef made 28s. We sold 60 cattle. Sheep: Only 7300 penned, which number proved insufficient, and values accordingly were higher. Shippers took 400 and graziers 1600. Quotations were—Prime shorn wethers, 11s to 12s, good 9s to 10s; best ewes, 9s. We sold 1800 sheep and 3500 lambs.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

There was a greater volume of business yesterday in the Mining market. Wickham and Bullock Island sold at 17s, other coal companies remaining firm. Copper stocks were dull. In the silver division there were sales of B.H. Proprietary and North Broken shares at improved rates. Local gold lines were quiet, particularly dredging ventures. Amongst Queenslanders better prices were paid for Band of Hope and Brilliant Extended. There was no dealing in Victorians. Only two Western Australians found purchasers, but these companies closed with a generally firmer tone.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyer.	Seller.
COAL.		
Bellambi	15/	—
Hetton	60/	65/6
Newcastle	16 0	17 0/
Stockton	11 9	12 3
Ditto, new	7/	8/
Vale of Clwydd	11/	—
Wallsend	52 6	—
Waratah	8	9/6
Wickham and Bullock Island	16 9	17 3
Ditto, new	—	10/9
Ditto, preferential, £1 pd.	27/6	29/6
TIN.		
Briseis	7/	—
Elsmore Val'y	—	4/
Waverley, pd.	—	4/
COPPER.		
Chillagoe	34/	—
Cobar Chesney, paid	—	6/6
Dattswood Freehold	5/	5 4
Ditto, con.	9d	1/
Girilambone	3 4	3/6
Great Cobar	80/	—
Lake George Mines	—	6/6
Mt. Garnet Freehold	58/	—
New Mount Hope	12/	17/
N'th Nymagee	1 7	1/11
SILVER.		
NEW SOUTH WALES.		
British Broken Hill, old	—	25/
Broken Hill Proprietary	51 3	51/6
Block 10	5 2/6	5 7/6
Block 14	25/	—
B. H. Junction	12/	14/
Junction Nth.	—	20/
North Broken	33/	34/
North Central B. H. South, paid	45/	47/
B.H. South Blocks	9 6	9 9
Ditto, con.	6 6	6/7
Overflow, pd.	—	8d
Sulphide Corporation	20 9	21/9
TASMANIA.		
Mount Lyell	7 0/	—
GOLD.		
NEW SOUTH WALES.		
Aveca Reefs	6d	9d
Baker's Creek	7/6	8/6
Cobar Great Western	2/	2/
Faixner's	10d	11d
Grassy Gully, paid	—	10/
Mt. David, pd	1 6	2/5
Mt. Drysdale	—	19
New Prince of Wales, paid	—	1/
Occidental	15/	15 3
Sunlight	—	3 3
NEW GUINEA.		
Woodlark Island	—	14 6
Ditto, new	5/	5 6
DREDGING AND SLUICING COMPANIES.		
Araluen Central, paid	—	10/
Araluen Proprietary	—	20
Araluen Valley Consolidated	14/	17/
Associated Gold Dredging, con.	3/11	—
Clarence River, paid	6d	2 6
Cope's Creek	—	8 3
Ditto, con.	—	7/
Federal Centrifugal	—	4 9
Jembaicumbene, pd.	7 6	8 6
Jennings, pd.	—	1/

	Buyer.	Seller.
Jerricknorra, paid	—	8/
Little River Dredging	9 9	10/6
Macquarie No. 1	—	11/6
Macquarie No. 2	—	8 6
Ovens Valley, con.	—	5/6
Shoalhaven River	—	9 6
Shoalhaven Terraces	9/	10/
Turon River	28/	31/
VICTORIA.		
Band and Loch United	3/	6 8
Hustler's Reef No. 1	—	12 4½
South Star	—	10/
QUEENSLAND.		
Band of Hope, paid	21/	22/
Brilliant Central	60/	65/
Brilliant Extended	12/3	—
Ditto, con.	16/	—
Clark's Brilliant Worcester, &c., pd.	6/	6/
Columbia Consolid'td, con.	4 4	—
Kelly's Queen Block, pd.	12 6	—
Mt. Morgan	£4/6	5/2
North Oriental and Glanmire	—	5/6
No. 1 North Oriental and Glanmire	—	12 3
No. 2 North Oriental and Glanmire	—	3 6
No. 1 North Smithfield	—	8/
No. 2 North Victory	5/10	6/1
Oriental and Columbia Consolidated, paid	3 6	—
Smithfield and P. Golden Pile	10 6	—
South Glanmire and Monkland	22/	24/
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.		
Associated	66/	67/6
Boulder Half-mile South	3/3	3/7
Brown Hill Central	—	2/6
Chaffer's	—	12/
Croesus Proprietary	1/3	2/3
Golden Horseshoe	9/15/	—
Gt. Boulder	29/	29 6
Ditto Main Reef	41/	—
Great Boulder Perseverance	10 5 9	10/8/
Ivanhoe	9/12/6	10 0/
Kalgurli, London register	5 1/	5/10/
Kalgurli South, London register	62 6	65/
Lake View Consols	11.15/	12.5/
Lake View South	7/9	8/9
Paringa Consolidated	6 9	7/3
Queensland Menzies, pd.	2/	—
Queen Margaret	—	10/
Queen Margaret Central	—	1 3

The following sales were reported:—Morning.—Coal: Wickham and Bullock Island, 17s. Copper: Dottswood Freehold, paid up, 5s. Gold: Jembaicumbene Dredging, paid up, 8s; Little River Dredging, 10s 3d; Lake View South, 8s 3d. Noon.—Copper: Dottswood Freehold, paid up, 5s 1d. Silver: North Broken, 33s, 33s 6d. Gold: Little River Dredging, 10s 4½d, 10s 3d; Young Australian, 2s 11d; Band of Hope, paid up, 21s 9d; Brilliant Extended, paid up, 18s 6d; Paringa Consolidated, 6s 9d. Afternoon.—Copper: Dottswood Freehold, contributing, 1s. Silver: B.H. Proprietary, 51s 3d. Gold: Occidental, 15s.

After the last meeting of the Exchange the following sales were reported:—Gold: Woodlark Island Proprietary, new, 5s 2d; Croesus Proprietary, 2s 1d; Great Boulder Proprietary, 29s, 29s 3d.

B.H. BLOCK 10 COMPANY.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The B.H. Proprietary Block 10 Company, despite unusually heavy expenditure on plant and buildings and mullocking, ended the half-year with a surplus of liquid assets over liabilities of £55,848, as compared with £89,996 for the previous half-year. The company has had to make provision for £3001 on account of income tax and law costs, but despite that the net profit for the half-year amounted to £51,747, which, with £28,120 brought forward, left £79,868 available for distribution. The company, after disbursing dividends at the rate of 1s 6d per month, will carry forward to the present half-year the sum of £30,456, or £2300 in excess of the amount taken forward on March 31. As a good deal of nervousness exists as to the state of Kelly's and also of Campbell's shafts, it is satisfactory to find the manager reporting that they are now in thoroughly good order.

BALLARAT, Wednesday.

The Stock Exchange resumed business to day, the sales being:—Band and Loch United, 6s, 4s 6d, 5s; Berry United, 1s 3½d; Birthday, 82s, 83s; Buninyong Alluvial, 3s 11d; Chalks No. 3, 1s 3d, 1s 5d; Central Plateau, 6s; Duke United, 10s 1½d, 10s 4½d; East Banner, 1s 6d, 1s 5d; Glenfine No. 1, 14s 3d; Hepburn Estate Leasehold, 1s 3d; Jubilee, 18s 3d, 18s 9d; Jubilee Consols, 1s 11d; Main Lead, 15s 4½d; Moonlight Consols, 1s 9d, 1s; Moonlight North, 1s, 1s 1d; Rice's Freehold, 4s 1d, 4s; Sons of Freedom, 1s 1d.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Brilliant Extended, contributing, 15s 1d; Chillagoe Railway and Mines, 35s.

A telegram has been received from Georgetown as follows:—"News has been received that the Einasleigh Freehold Copper Mines has struck a lode in the crosscut from the new shaft at a depth of 170ft. The ore is reported to give splendid assays. This is considered to prove the permanency of the lode."

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

B.H. Block 10 plant during the week treated 2829 tons of crudes, producing 422 tons of concentrates, bulking 34·38oz. silver, 64·45 per cent. lead, 7·63 per cent. man. The estimated quantity of concentrates lying on the mine's floors at the end of the week was 978 tons. The productive workings are presenting the usual good appearance, some of the stopes indeed showing a decided improvement. The average assays of crudes mined and treated for the week were 14·4oz. silver, 14 per cent. lead, 17·3 per cent. zinc. Development work presents nothing of unusual interest.

For the past week the B.H. Junction plant treated 1842 tons of crudes, producing 204 tons of concentrates, bulking 59½ per cent. lead, 24oz. silver, 5½ per cent. zinc; also 12 tons of second product of fair value. The week's shipments consisted of 250 tons of first concentrates to Port Pirie, and 55 tons of crude sulphides to B.H. Block 14 Company, Port Adelaide. Very good progress continues to be made with preparatory work in connection with the new retreatment plan. Many of the productive stopes throughout the mine are practically unchanged, the ore, as a rule, being hard and of low grade. Trommel assays of sulphides mined and milled for the week averaged 12 per cent. lead, 8oz. silver, 9 per cent. zinc. M'Intyre's shaft has lately been very troublesome, and the pumps in the compartment had to be thoroughly overhauled. Altogether about 200ft. were affected, but now they are working much better. The pumps, however, have been removed, and what little water is making is being baled out with tanks. The timbers in Browne's shaft, although in first-class condition, are being carefully overhauled.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Wednesday.

Exchange sales to-day were:—Bonnie Dundee, 7s 11d, 8s; Brilliant Block, contributing, 6s; Brilliant Freehold, paid, 1s 3d; Brilliant Extended, contributing, 15s 4d, 15s 9d; Clark's Brilliant, Worcester, and Victory, paid, 5s 5d, 5s 6d; Kelly's Queen Block, paid, 13s 9d; Kulumadau, contributing, 1s 9d; Marshall's Queen, contributing, 4s 7d; Papuan, Brilliant, and Victoria, 1s 6d; Victoria and Caledonia Block, contributing, 6s 3d.

Crushings: The Brilliant Central has treated 284 tons of stone for 252oz. gold; Victoria and Caledonia Block, 278 tons, 411oz.

GYMPIE, Wednesday.

No. 2 North Victory has crushed 375 tons of quartz for 521oz. smelted gold.

The Phœnix Golden Pile has treated 48 tons for 244oz. smelted gold.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Columbia and Smithfield, 3s; No. 1 North Columbia Smithfield, 2s, 2s 4d; Great Eastern and Orient Tribute, 8d; No. 2 North Oriental and Glanmire, 3s 3½d; North Oriental and Glanmire, 5s 10, 4s 10½d; Queen's Oriental, contributing, 8½d, 8d; No. 2 North Victory, 5s 10d, 5s 9d, 5s 9½d.

The closing quotations were:—Columbia Smithfield, buyer 2s 11½d, seller 3s 1d; No. 1 North Columbia Smithfield, buyer 2s, seller 2s 0½d; No. 2 North Columbia Smithfield, buyer 4s 11d, seller 4s 11½d; Columbia Extended, contributing, buyer 1s 6d, seller 1s 8½d; Columbia Consolidated, contributing, buyer 4s 10d, seller 4s 10½d; South Glanmire and Monkland, buyer 22s 6d, seller 23s; No. 3 South Great Eastern, buyer 2s, seller 2s 3d; No. 4 South Great Eastern, buyer 7½d, seller 8½d; Great Eastern and Orient Tribute, buyer 7d, seller 8d; No. 1 North Oriental and Glanmire, buyer 11s 11d, seller 12s 6d; No. 1 South Oriental and Glanmire, buyer 4s 6d, seller 4s 9d; North Oriental and Glanmire, buyer 4s 11d, seller 4s 11½d; East Oriental and Glanmire, paid up, buyer 3s, seller 3s 2d; Oriental and Columbia Consolidated, contributing, buyer 1s 9d, seller 1s 11d; Oriental Consols, contributing, buyer 10d, seller 1s; Phœnix Golden Pile, buyer 7s, seller 9s; North Smithfield, buyer 7s, seller 11s; Phœnix Eastern Tribute, buyer 1s 1d, seller 1s 5d; Queen's Oriental, contributing, buyer 7½d, seller 8½d; No. 1 North Victory, buyer 1s, seller 2s 6d; No. 2 North Victory, buyer 5s 9½d, seller 5s 10d.

HOBART, Wednesday.

Exchange quotations to-day were:—North Broken, buyer 32s, seller 33s 6d; Hercules, buyer 7s, seller 7s 8d; Mount Lyell, buyer £7 2s 6d, seller £7 10s; Glen Lyell, buyer 3d; Lyell Tharsis, buyer 11s 3d, seller 12s 6d; Royal Tharsis, buyer 3s 2d, seller 3s 6d; British Reid, buyer 12s 6d, seller 16s; Mount Bischoff, seller £52 5s.

INVERELL, Wednesday.

A number of hands have again been put on at the Elsmore Valley Tin Mine owing to a fresh find of good tin. If all goes well the number of men will be further increased. The manager of the Stoney Creek Tin Mining Company reports having started washing. He will have 135 loads washed by Saturday. Mr. J. Moore, chairman of the St. Patrick's Gold Mining Company, has been paying a visit to the mine. He considers there is a great future before this mine. The Government returns which he has brought back show that 179 tons of stone have been crushed for 353½oz. of retorted gold, realising £1294. This gives an average of 1oz. 19dwt. gold per ton. The manager expects to have 100 tons of stone ready by the time the battery is at work.

KALGOORLIE, Tuesday.

During October the South Kalgurli treated 500 tons of sulphides, yielding 625oz. gold; also 500 tons of oxidised ore for 310oz. Total, 1000 tons, for 935oz. gold. Owing to a breakdown the furnace plant only ran 20 days. During the stoppage the mill machinery was thoroughly overhauled. The return for the current month is expected to be satisfactory.

The fourth parcel of 81¼ tons of ore sent by the Brown Hill Extended to the Fremantle smelters yielded 336oz. 11dwt. gold. Operations underground in this mine are confined to opening up the lode and prospecting at the lower leads.

The Kalgurli Gold Mines treated 1300 tons of ore for 1950oz. gold, averaging 1oz. 9dwt. 16gr. per ton. The average extraction was 91·5 per cent.

Following out the economic policy recently decided upon, nearly all the surface hands have been discharged from the Brown Hill mine, and the ore treatment mill has been closed down for the present. Another heavy fall of ground, the result of a collapse of a stope, took place to-day close to the main shaft of the mine.

A plat is being cut at the 840ft. level of the Boulder Half-mile South, preparatory to crosscutting to open up the lodes proved by the diamond drill.

At the Great Boulder Perseverance, the crosscut west from the main shaft at the 700ft. level has passed through the sulphide body noted previously. The ore is of low grade. Crosscutting is being continued to pick up the main western lode. There have been several unavoidable stoppages of the ore treatment plants. The return from the Great Boulder Perseverance for last month will be smaller than anticipated.

The old General Gordon mine, near Kanowna, is the scene of much activity. Nearly 100 men, working alluvial and reefing, have been there for a month, and gold has been got, although the ground is patchy. The mine is showing improved prospects, and has a fine body of ore, though not of high grade.

The following October returns have been announced:—Ivanhoe Gold Corporation treated at the battery 6281 tons of stone for 3739oz. 13dwt. 12gr. gold; cyanided 3740 tons of tailings for 1795oz. 18dwt.; slimes treated, 4869 tons, for 1869oz. 10dwt. 12gr.; sulphides, 28 tons treated for 56oz.; concentrates, 64 tons for 573oz. 2dwt. 12gr.; total, 6309 tons for 8034oz. 4dwt. 12gr. gold, being an average of 1oz. 5dwt. 11gr. Gold (avoirdupois) to date, 8 tons 16cwt.

Great Boulder Main Reef, 825 tons of sulphides yielded 1350oz. 1 dwt. 12gr. of gold, of which 234oz. were obtained by cyaniding the sands; 33 tons of ore smelted at Fremantle yielded 587oz.; total, 2171oz. 1dwt. 12gr. The mill ran 25 days.

The Great Boulder treated at the battery 2603 tons of ore for 1823oz. gold. Treated at the sulphide mill, 3903 tons yielded by amalgamation 220oz., and by cyaniding 3963oz.; oxidised tailings treated, 5247 tons, for 2164oz. Total yield, 11,906oz. The above output is a record.

The Brown Hill treated at the mine—oxidised ore, 3556 tons, for 1587oz. 16dwt. 12gr. gold; treated at Hannan's Star mill 1717 tons of sulphides for 5122oz. 16dwt. 9gr. gold. Hannan's Star mill returns include 1740oz. 5dwt. 21gr. won from concentrates.

LAUNCESTON, Wednesday.

The sales and quotations to-day on the Exchange were:—Sales: Whyte River Dredging, 8s, 7s; Central Mount Farrell, 7d; Mount Bischoff, £51.

Quotations: Moonlight-cum-Wonder, buyer 1s 9d, seller 1s 10d; Amalgamated West Tasmania, paid, buyer 2s, seller 2s 3d; Volunteer, buyer 11d, seller 1s; Colonel North, buyer 9d; North Magnet, buyer 2s 3d; Silver King, buyer £28 10s, seller £31; Hercules, buyer 6s 9d; Mount Farrell, buyer 1s, seller 1s 3d; Mount Lyell, buyer £7, seller £7 7s; Lyell Tharsis, buyer 11s 6d; Arba, buyer 9s 6d; Garibaldi, buyer 9d, seller 1s; South Esk, buyer 4s 9d, seller 5s.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

The crushing from Barrett and party's claim did not equal expectations, the result being 4½oz. of gold per ton. They are still sinking the shaft, for which Government aid was granted.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Among mining companies to-day's Exchange sales were:—B.H. Block 10, £5 8s; North Broken, 33s 1½d, 33s 3d; B.H. South Blocks, 6s 6d, 6s 9d; ditto, paid, 9s 8d, 10s; Victoria Broken Hill, 4s 6d, 4s 7d, 4s 6d; Mount Lyell, £7 5s; Mount Lyell Blocks, 5s 2d, 5s 4d; Colonel North, 9½d, 9d; Great Southern Mount Lyell, 3½d; Mount Lyell Peaks, 11d, 1s; North Crown Lyell, paid, 1s; Tasman and Crown Extended, 1s 7½d; ditto, paid, 1s 11d, 1s 11½d; Chillagoe Railway and Mines, 35s, 34s 9d, 35s 3d; Copper Top, 6d; Paringa Consolidated, 6s 7d; Glenfine No. 1, 4s 1½d, 4s; Glenfine South, £9 14s; Long Tunnel Extended, £22 5s; Long Tunnel North, 7s 6d; South German Reef, 93s; Band and Loch United, 5s, 5s 4d; Buninyong Alluvial, 4s 1d; Central Plateau, 7s; Chalk's No. 3, 1s 3d; Garden Gully United, 63s, 62s 6d; Great South Long Tunnel, 8d; Great Southern No. 1, 12s; Jubilee, 18s 9d; Main Leads, 15s 3d; New Dempsey, 2s 6d, 2s 7d; South Star Extended, 1s; Southern and Prentice, 2s 9d.

SUNNY CORNER, Wednesday.

Bob's Creek mine and battery have been let on tribute to a party of skilled miners. It is stated that the manager will claim the pyrites, while the tributers will receive the free gold collected on the plates. Mining matters generally are dull, and no revival is expected before the new year.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange sales and quotations were:—B. H. Proprietary, 51s 9d, buyer 50s 9d, seller 51s; B. H. Block 14, buyer 25s 9d, seller 26s 3d; British Broken, 24s, buyer 23s 9d, seller 24s 3d; ditto, new, seller 23s 6d; Junction North, 9s, 10s, buyer 9s 10½d, seller 10s; B. H. South, paid, buyer 46s 6d, seller 47s; B. H. South Blocks, 9s 8d, 9s 9d, buyer 9s 9d, seller 9s 10d; ditto, contributing, 6s 6d, 6s 7d, buyer 6s 7d, seller 6s 8d; Sulphide Corporation, 20s 9d, 21s, buyer 21s, seller 21s 3d; Associated Gold Mines, 66s 6d, buyer 66s, seller 66s 6d; Associated Northern Blocks, 53s 3d, buyer 53s, seller 53s 6d; Bayley's United, 4s 6d, buyer 4s 6d, seller 5s; Hannan's Block 45, 4s 3d, 4s 3d, buyer 4s 4d; Boulder Half-mile South, 3s 9d, buyer 3s 9d, seller 3s 10d; Brookman's Boulder, 12s 9d, 12s 10½d, buyer 12s 9d, seller 13s; Croesus Proprietary, 2s, buyer 2s, seller 2s 1d; Chaffer's, buyer 9s 9d, seller 10s 6d; Great Boulder, 28s 10½d, 28s 9d, 29s 3d, seller 29s 3d; Great Boulder Main Reef, 44s, 45s, buyer 45s, seller 45s 3d; Great Boulder Perseverance, £10 4s, £10 2s, £10 3s, buyer £10 3s, seller £10 5s; Hainaults, buyer 23s 6d, seller 24s; Ivanhoe Gold Corporation, buyer £9 16s, seller, £10 1s; Ivanhoe Junction, 4s 3d, buyer 4s, seller 4s 6d; Kalgurli Gold Mines, buyer £5, seller £5 3s; Lady Mary, buyer 4s 3d, seller 4s 9d; Lake View South, 8s, buyer 7s 11d, seller 8s; Mount Beacon, 1s 8d, 1s 10d; Princess Royal North, contributing, 1s 5d, 1s 7d; Queen Margaret, 9s 8d, buyer 9s 10d, seller 10s; South Kalgurli, 63s 3d, 63s 6d, buyer 63s, seller 64s; White Feather Main Reef, 21s 6d, buyer 21s 6d; Chillagoe Railway and Mines, 34s 9d, 35s 3d, buyer 35s 3d, seller 35s 6d; Mount Gunson, 2s 9d; ditto, contributing, 1s 2d, 1s 3d; Baker's Creek, 7s 9d, buyer 7s 9d, seller 8s; Tarcoola United, paid, 2s, 1s 11d; Paull's Consolidated, £16, £15 15s, £16 15s, buyer £16 12s 6d, seller £16 15s; North Queensland Tin, £103, £104, £102, buyer £100, seller £103.

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REPORTS.

Our Launceston correspondent last night telegraphed as follows:—The Mount Bischoff Company's London cable quotes tin at £127 10s per ton. The last sales were at £126; steady.

The mine manager of the Chillagoe Railway and Mines, Limited, reports for the week ending October 29:—Griffith lease: Winze continued to follow down ore-bearing formation on limestone. Girofla: No. 2 crosscut continued in siliceous lode formation. No. 3 drive, after passing through oxidised formation containing lead, carbonate and galena, has holed into No. 2 level. Redcap: The pyrites ore body continues without change in the drive from No. 1 shaft. Zillmanton: We appear to have reached the extremity of the ore shoot in east drive, and further driving has been suspended for the present. Chamber being cut to admit of winze being sunk from the level. Western drive continues to yield ore of fair average value, and shows no material change. Ruddygore: Workings from Nos. 2 and 3 shafts still in mineralised quartz porphyry of low value. A third diamond drill bore has been commenced on Otho 32 M., and is down 46ft. in lode formation. Work in connection with smelters progressing satisfactorily.

For the period ended October 31 of the current half-year the Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Company, Limited, has consigned 860 tons of blister copper.

The mine manager of the Koh-i-noor Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Parkes, reported on the 3rd instant:—Since last report the 650ft. level east has been extended to 159ft. from the shaft; reef in the end 18in. wide, carrying coarse gold. In the stopes the reef is 3ft. wide, but of lower grade. In the 200ft. level the reef is of fair size and average quality. Cleaned up on Saturday after four weeks' run on 450 tons of stone for 16oz. 7dwt. smelted gold. Restarted cyanide extraction on October 29, and expect to run six weeks.

During the week ended October 29 the Mount Garnet and Chillagoe Exploration Company, No Liability, North Queensland, won good ore from the south drive on the Cardwell lease.

The mine manager of the North Central Broken Hill S. M. Company, N.L., reports for the week ended the 3rd instant:—Eastern crosscut at the 300ft. level, total 274ft. from north drive; no change. North drive at 300ft. level, total 13½ft. from crosscut; the face is still carrying iron and copper.

YIELDS.

GOLD.

Brilliant Central, C.T., 284 tons, 252oz.

Brown Hill Company, Kalgoorlie (month), 6710oz. 12dwt. 21gr.

Great Boulder Main Reef, Kalgoorlie (month), 2171oz. 1dwt. 12gr.

Great Boulder Proprietary Kalgoorlie (month), 11,906oz.

Ivanhoe Gold Corporation, Kalgoorlie (month), 8034oz. 4dwt. 12gr.

Koh-i-noor G. M. Company, Parkes (four weeks), 450 tons, 16oz. 7dwt.

No. 2 North Victory, Gympie, 375 tons, 521oz.

Phœnix Golden Pile, Gympie, 48 tons, 244oz.

Sunlight G. M. Company, Hillgrove, corrected yield (four weeks), 800 tons, 505oz. 16dwt.

Victoria and New Caledonia Block, C.T., 278 tons, 411oz.

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THE SHRINKAGE OF THE WORLD.

We wonder sometimes a little (the "Spectator" says) what the ultimate result of the shrinkage of the world will be. It is going on very fast. Size is measurable by distance, and distance by the speed at which it can be traversed, and this speed as regards ocean travelling increases ever year. India, which in 1850 was 32 days distant from London, is now only 17, and five years hence will be only 10. The Deutschland has performed the voyage from America to Europe at an average rate of 23 knots an hour, and at that rate a similar steamer would reach Bombay in 10 days, or Hongkong in 17. A very slight improvement, almost inevitable within the five years, will give us a speed in traversing the ocean of 26 knots an hour, or 700 miles a day, and that means, speaking roughly, that Australia will be reached from Europe in 16 days. That rate, moreover, is by no means the greatest attainable. If the turbine system is found applicable to the largest ships, as it already is to the "destroyers," or if the principle of the electric motor-car can be applied to ships—which is at all events possible—the normal rate of ocean travelling will be 40 miles an hour, and India will be accessible within the week, and North China or Australia within the fortnight. The world, in fact, for purposes of intercommunication will be reduced to a third of the size it possessed half a century ago, and a tenth of the size it had when the century began. This, be it remembered, is no dream of a man sitting at a desk and ignoring obstacles. It is a mere statement of what must be if improvements already effected are applied upon a somewhat wider scale.

What, we ask again, will be the result of such speed? In one way it should be good, for knowledge will be increased. The deterrent idea of remoteness will disappear, every country will become interesting, and every country will be visited and explored by multitudes of men with mind. Distance divides us more than we think. Men are impatient of correspondence which cannot be answered within months, they are reluctant to waste more than a certain amount of time in travelling from point to point, and they shut their minds to events which occur at too great a distance for information to be quickly verified or confuted. It is not only their energy which is overtaxed, but their imagination. If China were only the distance of a day's journey we should soon know China as we know France, should be interested in Chinese actions from day to day, and should lose, gradually no doubt, but completely, that sense of bewilderment which at present more than anything else divides Europe from China. That must be good to a certain extent, for we are coerced into intercourse with China, and a better knowledge of those with whom you have constant intercourse must, one would think, be beneficial. It will not necessarily produce friendship—that is a conventional and rather insincere error, every one knowing that he can, under certain conditions, hate his next-door neighbour quite as hard as his acquaintance in the next town—but it would produce understanding, and it must be better to understand. Then speedy communication must develop trade, and with trade the movement of people who for any reason desire to change their habitat. The "facility of emigration," as we describe it, would be largely increased, and facility of emigration must be a benefit to mankind. We all acknowledge that as regards the interior of any country, cutting roads with that object and building railways and abolishing internal duties, and it must be as true of nations as of villages. At least, if it is not true there must be an error in some of our most rudimentary ideas regarding civilisation. It is hard to doubt, for example, that if South America were within two days' journey, nearness to that region, with its fertility, its variety, and its vast unoccupied spaces, would diminish some of the misery of Europe. Experience would be fuller, for we should know more of the great variety and differences of mankind, and the thoughts of men would be widened as the thoughts of the villager are when he finds it easy to travel in many counties. We should all be mounted, as it were, on bicycles, and find, as bicycle riders find, that distance was nothing like the obstacle they had conceived it to be.

There will be, however, many drawbacks, some of them rather serious. It is by no means certain that the globetrotter gains much by his trotting, or that the nearness of things in immense variety, while it compels attention, does not reduce the power of attending usefully. Schoolboys do not benefit by too many subjects. We think we perceive even now, when the process is only beginning, that the immense variety of objects of interest presented to the cultivated every morning through the showers of telegrams is positively weakening their power of attending to any one till the general body of opinion is more shallow than it was, or even, if we may venture on so unpopular an utterance, more ignorant. The receptive power of a large proportion of men is slightly overtaxed, like that of schoolboys who are being educated a little too fast and too "thoroughly." If, as would happen if the rate of communication were multiplied, say, by five, the affairs of the whole world become patent, and therefore interesting, mental weariness would set in, to be followed after a certain amount of strain by mental collapse. Let any one test this by reading two or three papers on days when they are brimming over with news and then try to remember with exactness the information he has acquired. He will find that very little of it has really bitten into his mind, which has been much in the position of a musical ear condemned to listen attentively to three tunes at once. People understand the topography of South Africa less since they were compelled to acquire something of the topography of China. Then we fancy the repulsion of the races might be greatly sharpened. They will be much nearer each other, and contiguity, as we may see in any village, is not invariably productive of liking.

Nobody despises a negro like an American, who sees one every day. It is by no means certain that we should like the Chinese better if we were incessantly in contact with them—at least, that is the unbroken testimony of those who are forced in America to visit frequently the Chinese quarters in some of the great cities—and still less certain that they would increasingly like us. Intercourse with Europe, on the contrary, has developed among Chinamen an almost ferocious bitterness of dislike. Negrophiles may be, we ourselves think are, wiser as well as better men than negrophobes, but they are not often persons who have lived in the West Indies. Above all, there is risk, we do not say there is certainty, but there is risk, that the higher races may lose something of their morals through increased intercourse with the lower. We all think that the brown man or yellow man must gain much by intercourse with the white, but the white man in his turn receives something from his inferior, and it is by no means wholly beneficial. He learns to tolerate the intolerable, as Thomas Hughes used to say, a good deal too readily, and to become content with a lower ideal of human life. We think or say that if the shrinkage of the world produces more intercourse between Europeans and Chinese that must be good, but the Europeans who become Sinified is a degraded being.

We should not look upon the arrival of a million Chinese in Europe as an advantage to the morals of our quarter of the world, yet an immense increase of intercourse with China means precisely the same thing. The Crusades enlightened the mind of Europe, but they poisoned it too; and we could not imagine a greater misfortune for the world than that all the better races should understand without effort the speech of all the worse. The better residents of London do not find that close proximity to a public-house improves the character of their households, and the increased intercourse among races of different grade which must result from increased speed of communication will be very like that proximity. Those who know Asia best must fear its influence on Europe and America, even while, in the interests of Asiatics, they press forward movements the first result of which must be incessant intercourse. There is nothing to be done, of course, but to go forward and build steamers, if we can, moving at 60 miles an hour—people say the air will stop them, but it does not stop express trains—which would mean that Bombay would be accessible in five days; but it will be well for the white men, who have hitherto benefited by their comparative seclusion from the East, to suspend their hallelujahs to the "progressive" steam companies till they know a little better where all this "progress" is to land them. "From civilisation to barbarism at 50 miles an hour" is not, to our mind, the most fascinating of advertisements.

WHARF LABOUR TROUBLES.

NO AGREEMENT YET ARRIVED AT.

There was no change yesterday in the relations between the Stevedores' Association and the wharf labourers at Flood's Wharf. The matters at issue do not seem of very great importance, but both sides maintain that important principles are at stake. Apart from that contention, it would seem that if a peaceful settlement is not arrived at the dispute may have far-reaching consequences of a serious kind. It is a matter of common knowledge that under the provisions of bills of lading all damage through delays caused by strikes or lockouts falls upon consignors and consignees. Shipping companies therefore can more easily afford to lock out their employees or submit to a strike than any other business employing large numbers of hands. Just now wool is coming in from the country by thousands of bales, and it must be got away quickly, as all means of transit from the stations to the manufacturer are taxed to the utmost. If it cannot be got on board the steamers, the stores and then the railways will soon be blocked. Freights, already firm, will have to go up, and the losses from all causes will fall upon the producers.

The following letter was sent to the representative of the Wharf Labourers' Union (Mr. W. M. Hughes, M.L.A.) yesterday:—

"Dear Sir,—As you appear to lay great stress upon Messrs. Flood and Co. refusing to pay the men at the Port Jackson for a quarter of an hour's broken time last Friday, I am directed to ask you to produce the man who says he was refused the quarter of an hour's pay. I am also directed to inform you officially—it has already appeared in the press—that Messrs. Flood and Co. always were and still are prepared to pay the men for the quarter of an hour due to them under the rules agreed upon if they apply for it, but not half an hour as demanded. Captain Bird complains that although he was present at the wharf all Friday afternoon no complaint was made to him, and that when he was communicated with by telephone on Saturday morning he told the foreman to give the men the quarter of an hour. This was at five past 6 a.m., but all the men had left the wharf, having refused to wait for an answer.—Yours truly (signed) Howard Hinton, secretary."

The stevedores say that they are quite willing to meet the men in conference. But before any good can result from negotiations several contradictory statements will have to be reconciled in some way. The men contend on the one hand that it has always been the custom for hatches to be put on and taken off in the stevedores' time. Some of the oldest stevedores in the port, on the other hand, say that each wharf has its own customs, and that such is not the case at Flood's, nor at many other wharfs. But whoever is right, the stevedores say it would be ridiculous to pay 40 or 50 men when only a dozen, in any case, would be required to put on hatches. Conflicting statements have also been made as to the exact time the men knocked off last Friday, and also as to the demand of one of the men for allowance for the half-hour or quarter-hour in dispute.

The representatives of the stevedores say they want answers to three questions:—1. If the union rules were only made to appertain to its members, why did Mr. Hughes ask the stevedores to meet him and discuss them? 2. If, as Mr. Hughes says, rule 9 is obsolete and another one has been substituted, why did he not give the Stevedores' Association a month's notice of the fact in terms of his arrangement with them? 3. Will Mr. Hughes produce the man who asked to be paid for the quarter of an hour, and, it is alleged, was refused payment, and who will, no doubt, have witnesses?

MEETING OF THE MEN.

The Wharf Labourers' Union met last night and considered the matter. Mr. Hughes made a statement detailing the events of the past few weeks. He said he had received a verbal message from the Stevedores' Association asking him to confer with their committee on the matter at issue.

A good deal of discussion took place, and the matter was warmly debated. Eventually it was decided that, upon the receipt of an official request in the terms of the verbal message received by Mr. Hughes, that gentleman with three members of the union shall wait on the Stevedores' Association and produce the man who it is alleged demanded payment for the "broken time" and did not get it.

It was further decided to extend the notice given by the union relating to the working hours until such time as shall be fixed by the executive.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

LAND AND HOUSES.

H. W. HORNING and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11.30, Houses and Land.

H. DUFF and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11.30, Cottage and Land.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

A. TRAVERSI and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Clothing, Millinery, &c.

C. F. W. LLOYD.—At 47 Wentworth Park-road, Glebe, at 11, Furniture, &c.

H. F. BROOK.—At 230 King-street, Newtown, at 2.30, Shop Fittings, Furniture, &c.

H. LEVY.—At 185 Regent-street, at 2.30, Clothing, Boots, &c.

J. P. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 11, Clothing, Boots, &c.; at 4, Jewellery, &c.

J. BROWN and CO.—At 37 Broadway, Glebe, at 2.30, Furniture, Piano, &c.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At Hay and George streets, at 2.30, Furniture, Bedsteads, Tricycle, &c.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

At the Wool Exchange, at 10, Hair, Horns, &c.

NEW ZEALAND LOAN and MERCANTILE AGENCY CO.—At Wool Exchange, at 10, Hair, Horns, and Bones.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 10.30 and 11.30, Horses, Vehicles, &c.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Railway Yards, at 11, Cows, &c.; at 2.30, Vealers, Pigs, &c.

ELLIS and CO.—At their Saleyards, at 11, Cows, &c.; at 2.30, Vealers, Pigs, &c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

W. BRADLEY and CO.—At their Rooms, at 2, Canaries, Pigeons, Dog, Showcages, &c.

CORDNER, BARNETT, and PUGH.—At Macquarie-street North, at 11, Building Materials.

JOHN M. CANTY.—Cleveland-street, close to Regent-street, at 2.30, Building Material, Iron Tank, &c.

This week's issue of the "Sydney Mail" contains illustrations of the departure of his Excellency Earl Beauchamp from photographs taken en route to and at the railway station.—Advt.

The smelting works at Dapto, with numerous illustrations, are the subject of an interesting illustrated article in this week's "Sydney Mail."—Advt.

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THE RETURNING CONTINGENTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It is worthy of more than passing note that the Canadian Government has decided to present each of her gallant sons returning from South Africa with a grant of 160 acres of land, thus showing in a practical manner the country's appreciation of their services rendered throughout the campaign. It is to be hoped that the Governments of the Australian colonies will act in a not less liberal manner towards their sons who have done such gallant work and helped materially to bring about the successful conclusion of the war.

The Government of this colony was very ready to take steps to counteract any influence used to induce our soldiers to settle in South Africa, and to prevent such settlement whether it might be to the advantage of the individual soldier to do so or not, and now it remains to be seen whether the Government, having prevented many of our soldiers from settling in South Africa, as they might have wished, is, in all fairness to these men, prepared to offer them equally liberal inducements to settle in this colony. I am, &c., H. BOOKE JONES.

November 7.

Funerals.

RYAN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. PATRICK RYAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved DAUGHTER, Bridget Veronica; to move from their residence, 175 Duke-street, Woolloomooloo, THIS AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, for Necropolis. CHAS. KINSELA, Funeral Director, 765 George-street, city; and Tel., 903 city. 78 Darlinghurst-road, Darlinghurst.

O'KEEFE.—The Friends of the late EDWARD O'KEEFE are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, 16 Walker-street, Redfern, THIS DAY, at 1.45, for Rookwood. T. J. ANDREWS, Undertaker, 186 Devonshire-street, Surry Hills. Tel., 1008.

O'KEEFE.—The Friends of Mrs. W. DUFFY, Mrs. C. PRESTON, and Mrs. J. BOWMAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly beloved BROTHER, Edward; to move from his late residence, 16 Walker-street, Redfern, THIS DAY, at 1.45, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. T. J. ANDREWS, Undertaker, Railway Bridge, Newtown. Tel., 138N.

WAKELEY.—The Friends of Mr. MARCUS WAKELEY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved WIFE; to move from the Prince Alfred Hospital, THIS DAY, Thursday, 2 p.m., for the Necropolis, Rookwood. JAMES WEEKS, Undertaker, Tel. No., 9 N. Newtown.

ROHAN.—The Friends of Mr. WILLIAM ROHAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved WIFE, Bridget; to move from her late residence, 15 Excelsior-street, Leichhardt, TO-MORROW (Friday) MORNING, at 8.45, for R. C. Cemetery, Rookwood, via Petersham station. J. CROCKETT, Jun., and CO., Undertakers, Telephone, 277 Petersham. Leichhardt.

ROHAN.—The Friends of Mr. PATRICK ROHAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly loved MOTHER, the late Bridget Rohan; to leave her late residence, 15 Excelsior-street, Leichhardt, TO-MORROW (Friday) MORNING, at 8.45, for R. C. Cemetery, Rookwood, via Petersham station. Crockett, undert.

ROHAN.—The Friends of Mr. GEORGE ROHAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved MOTHER, the late Bridget Rohan; to move from her late residence, 15 Excelsior-street, Leichhardt, TO-MORROW (Friday) MORNING, at 8.45, for R. C. Cemetery, Rookwood, via Petersham station. Crockett, undert.

OLIVER.—The Funeral of KATHARINE ALICE OLIVER, late of Shelcote, North Sydney, will leave Christ Church, St. Laurence, George-street South, TO-MORROW, Friday, at 10.20 a.m., for St. Thomas' Cemetery, North Sydney. Service at church, 10 a.m. COFFILL and COMPANY, Funeral Directors. Tel., 424, &c.

A REQUIEM MASS will be celebrated at St. Brigid's Church, Marrickville, TO-MORROW (Friday) MORNING, at 10 o'clock, for the repose of the soul of the late Father VINCENT GROGAN, C.P. F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker, Newtown.

THE Members of the A. H. C. GUILD, St. Brigid's, Marrickville, are requested to attend, in regalia, the Funeral of the Rev. Father VINCENT GROGAN, C.P.; to leave The Retreat on FRIDAY EVENING, at 7 o'clock, to Marrickville Station. E. O'SULLIVAN, Warden.

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WANTED, a respectable country GIRL, housework, 3 adult family. Letter, Protestant, Herald, King-st.

WANTED, a GROOM and Coachman. Apply James Watson, opp. Wesleyan Church, Bondi Junction.

WANTED, a young GIRL, to mind children and do light work. Waratah, Lower Ocean-st., Double Bay.

WANTED, tidy young WOMAN, assist housework, for subs. Metropolitan Hotel, George and Bridge sts.

WANTED, smart Girl as GENERAL, no cooking, reference. 150 Phillip-st.

WANTED, strong BOY for store. Apply J. Taylor and Sons, Limited, 255 George-st.

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WANTED, useful MAN, to garden and milk, Guildford. Apply 214 Castlereagh-st., city.

WANTED, young GENERAL, no washing, must be good with the needle, good wages. 2 Castlereagh-st.

WANTED a resp. young GIRL as light general. Apply, with references, 229 Norton-st., Leichhardt.

WANTED, young MEN and Boys. Peacock Jam Co., Albert-st., Newtown.

WANTED, a young Lady Help, musical, for c'try hotel, 15s, good place, intv. 11. 110 Bathurst-st.

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WANTED, young MAN, used to hotel work and able to attend billiards. Royal, Glenmore-rd., Paddington.

WANTED, a tidy, respectable little GIRL, about 14. Apply Tyrone, Hugh-st., Ashfield.

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WANTED, good General SERVANT. 389 Oxford-st., Paddington.

WANTED, a good General SERVANT with references. Apply Mrs. Lee, 35 William-st., city.

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WANTED, good all-round IRONER. Federal Laundry, 147 William-st.

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WANTED, GENERAL, sleep home, wages 8s. 18 Newman-st., Newtown.

WANTED, General SERVANT. Apply Miss Monaghan, Britannia Hotel, Cleveland-st., Redfern.

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WANTED, respectable GIRL, assist in all duties, 3 in family. The Tower, Dymock-st., Coogee.

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WANTED, young General, small family, plain cooking. Apply early, Lillian, Waverley-st., Bondi Junction.

WANTED, Second COOK, must be sober, for restaurant. Apply, Cook, Queen Victoria Mkts., P.O.

WANTED, General SERVANT, all duties, 2 sep. out, wages 10s wkly., refs. 124 Windsor-st., Pad'ton.

WANTED resp. GIRL, with light help, good home. Apply No. 4 Sparnon-terrace, Phillip-st., Enmore.

WANTED respectable GIRL, assist in housework. Apply after 9, 129 Albion-st., Surry Hills.

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WANTED, smart, superior GIRL, housemaid, refs. Armorel, Bishop's-avenue, Randwick.

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WANTED, good GENERAL, plain cooking, no fam. Strathdoon, Park-rd., Burwood.

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